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## Two admit to buying illegal drugs in Texas

Acting on a tip, police arrested a local couple Thursday night and charged them with trafficking in a controlled substance.

Margaret Ann Lamb, 49, of Rt. 3 Mt. Vernon and Johnny Carpenter, 54, of Neeley Street, Berea, were charged after police executed a search warrant for Lamb's home around 10:45 p.m.

According to Rockcastle Sheriff's Detective Matt Bryant, police found 900 Xanax tablets in the residence and both Lamb and Carpenter reportedly admitted to selling them.

"We read them their rights and then they told us the entire story," Bryant said.

"The two told police they had been to Laredo, Texas on three occasions and twice had crossed the border into Mexico where a doctor there prescribed them 5,000 units of Xanax," Bryant said.

"The Mexican doctor then had someone meet the couple at a McDonald's in Laredo, where the couple paid fifty-cents for each tablet," Bryant said.

The couple told police they sold the tablets for \$2.00 each and 100 of them for \$150.

The two were lodged in jail, but each made a \$500 bond and will appear in court on June 2nd for arraignment.

### At Diddle Arena

## RCHS Lady Rockets play today in state tournament

The girls "Sweet Sixteen" began Wednesday at Diddle Arena in Bowling Green and the Lady Rockets will make their first appearance at 1 p.m. east Thursday afternoon (today).

The Rockets will meet Christian County out of the second region, both of whom have identical 30-3 records. Christian County has also been ranked in the top five most of the season.

The Lady Rockets will be playing without the services of their leading scorer on the year, junior point guard Johnna Abney. Abney tore the ACL in her right knee during the regional championship game with Jackson County and will have to undergo surgery and, reportedly, several months of rehabilitation.

School will be dismissed Thursday because of the game but will be in session Friday, even with a win, because the next game would be Friday night at 7:30 est. between the winner of Perry Co. Central and East Carter.



## Providence Cemetery vandalized

Police are looking for vandals who desecrated 28 grave sites in the Providence Cemetery, located at Quail on Friday night.

Police estimate the damage at \$30,000 or more.

Cemetery manager and treasurer Gatliff Craig said this week, that a \$2,000 reward was being offered for information leading to the arrest and conviction of those responsible for the damage done to the graves.

"We are determined to find out who did this," Craig said. Craig is also a longtime elder of the Providence Church of Christ, which is located next to the cemetery.

Rockcastle Sheriff's Detective Matt Bryant, who is conducting the investigation into the crime said Tuesday that police had leads in the case.

"We know that some people stopped in the area on Friday night and asked directions to the cemetery," Bryant said.

Because of the amount of damage in the cemetery, Detective Bryant estimates the vandals were at the cemetery at least two hours. The damage was done after dark.

Providence Cemetery is one of the largest in Rockcastle County and was started around 1800. There are well over 1,000 graves in the cemetery.

"Anyone with information con-

### At Maple Grove

## Local woman robbed; shoots at perpetrators

Two men forced their way into the home of an elderly lady on Saturday night, physically harming her and taking items including her purse. Her purse had cash and her medicated card in it, among other things.

According to Rockcastle Sheriff's Detective Matt Bryant, the men went into Louise Johnson's home, which is located in Maple Grove around 8:15 p.m.

"They fought her up, before stealing from her and left on foot," Bryant said.

"As they were leaving, one of the men dropped a clip to a handgun," he said.

"Mrs. Johnson fired at the men as they left, but was unable to hit either one of them," Bryant said.

The investigation is continuing.

## Boys lose to PRP in state tourney

Rockets lose by 14 to Panthers

### Community Good Friday Service

The Rockcastle Ministerial Association invites Rockcastle Counties to the 2004 Good Friday Community Worship Service to be held Friday, April 9th at 7 p.m. at First Christian Church on West Main Street in Mt. Vernon.

Buford Parkerston will be speaking and, in addition, there will be special music and congregational singing.

"Good Friday" is traditionally a time to remember the sacrifice of Jesus Christ on the Cross for our sins. It precedes the Easter celebration of

His resurrection. It is wise for us to recall not only that Jesus rose from the dead, assuring His power of salvation, but also to remember the price paid for our sins. This time of reflection is open to any and all who would like to come.

For more information, or question, contact Bruce Ross, preaching pastor of First Christian Church at 256-2876 or Bro. Mike Bryant, president of the Ministerial Association and pastor of Faith Harvest Fellowship at 256-0904.

Panthers had to work for it. After jumping out to a 24-13 first quarter lead, the Panthers built that lead to 16 at 33-17. Then the Rockets went on a streak and scored the next 11 points, pulling to within five at the half 33-28.

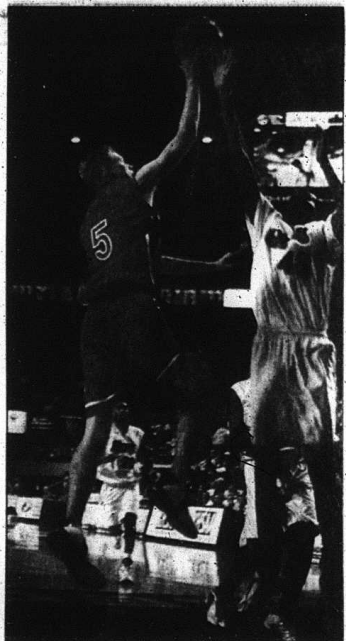
Trailing by sixteen midway through the second quarter, junior Blake Roberts got a free throw for his team, senior Devin Taylor then sank two freebies after which Roberts forced a PRP turnover. Junior Aaron Cash then got a field goal for his team, followed by another free throw by Roberts and two by Cash and the Rockets were within 8 at 25-33. Following two misses by the Panthers, Cash then sank a three to end the half and pull his team to within five.

Roberts, who played an excellent tournament game, got the first basket of the second half and the Rockets were in the game, down only by three at 28-33.

However, just as the Rockets went on an 11-0 run, the Panthers returned the favor, outscoring the Rockets 13-4 within, it seemed, the blink of an eye. A free throw by Roberts and a three by Taylor were the Rockets only scoring during the PRP run.

The Rockets pulled to within six on a three point shot by Cash near the end of the third period but that was as close as they would get for the remainder of the game with PRP pulling away gradually in the fourth period. Roberts, who did a great job against Farley, the Panthers big center who has been signed by Louisville, entered the fourth quarter with three fouls but picked up his fourth immediately and fouled out of the game at the 2:27 mark.

Cash led the scoring for his team with 19 points; Roberts finished with 17. Taylor got 9. Colby Brown scored 7. Weston Riddle got a basket for 2 points and Kyle Mullins had 1 point.



Junior Blake Roberts battled hard all during the Rockets game with Terrance Farley, Pleasure Ridge Park's 6'10" center, during action in the Kentucky State Boys Basketball Tournament held at Rupp Arena last week. Roberts acquitted himself well in the match-up, coming away with 17 points before fouling out late in the fourth quarter. The Rockets lost 69-55.

New party leaders were chosen at Saturday's Republican Mass convention held at the courthouse. Elected were, from left: John Ford, Chairman; Juanita Davis, co-chairman; Brenda McKnight, secretary; Janet Vaughn, treasurer and Erika Kirby, youth chairman.

## Good Luck Lady Rockets in the Sweet 16 beat Christian County!!



# This week's for what it's worth Public hangings, Gay marriages



It takes a sorry person that would deprecate a grave.

Friday night the Providence Cemetery at Quail was heavily damaged by vandals, who turned over 28 tombstones, some of them dating back to the 1800s.

A friend of mine and I were talking about the vandalism at the cemetery and he noted that although it was 2004, crimes such as the one at Providence and more serious crimes, such as child abuse and murder, should be dealt with by public hangings.

"I actually think hanging a few would stop some of the crime problems in the country today" he said.

Mom is totally against the death penalty, saying it's not an "oops" situation if killing an innocent person, and I have mixed emotions about it, but if you were totally sure about the murder issue and all evidence had

been proven, then have at it. In many cases people even plead guilty to murder. That certainly shouldn't leave any doubt.

This week many Rockcastle Countians traveled to Frankfort to support a bill calling for a constitutional amendment that would ban same-sex marriages in Kentucky.

The bill was defeated by one vote in the house.

Although we live in a free country and everyone should be free to choose an attorney, the firm belief God would not condemn a person to hell by putting them on this earth as a gay person.

Like it or not, I do not believe anyone is born a homosexual. It is simply a choice and although I don't believe the government should have much of a hand in our private lives, I find it disturbing to see two men or two women willing to stand up in public, exchange vows and then hug and kiss.

I'm certainly sure I would consider a moderate Democrat, possibly defined as a liberal Republican, but right is right and wrong is wrong.

As my son Aaron says, "God didn't create Adam and Steve, he created Adam and Eve."

After much thought and consideration, I have decided to address a few subjects that I had originally decided to let dormant as I think they are rather petty and deserve no response. However, I have changed my mind as there are a few "concerned citizens" who live outside the county who insist on dragging the reputation of the Mt. Vernon Signal, its editor, local government, local citizens, as well as myself through the mud for grammatical errors and opposing the ideas they dislike with what appears to be an attitude indicating the whole lot of Rockcastle Countians are nothing but a bunch of clamish Neanderthals who have no intelligence whatsoever.

So, therefore, I'll endeavor to uphold the integrity and reputation of Rockcastle County, most importantly, as well as myself. I fully expect to be criticized as many of the things I write may not be the popular idea of the day, and in some cases not even politically correct. They are simply MY opinion. If readers find my column not to their liking, may I suggest that in the future, to do us both a favor, they not read it. I enjoy writing as a hobby, and have for at least twenty-five years with some of my writings being published and sent to all fifty states and at least twenty foreign countries. No, I didn't feel like a celebrity, although many celebrities have come from more humble beginnings than mine.

In defense of the Mt. Vernon Signal, let me say that it is one of the finest publications that I have ever seen, especially taking into account of all the work that goes into publishing a paper, and the staff is very limited. The staff works feverishly and strives for the highest quality publication they can produce. The editor, Richard Anderkin is one of the most intelligent men I've ever met, and is a pillar in the community. He is a man with morals and integrity who wouldn't knowingly offend anyone. He isn't perfect, and neither am I. I'm sure that everyone does have an opinion, whether it be good, bad, or indifferent concerning our issue. Some people even get paid for their opinions, but that doesn't necessarily make their opinion superior. The Signal isn't the New York Times, neither was it ever intended to be.

As far as opinions go, I wonder how many people lost their opinion in the last presidential race in Florida due to flawed voting machines. If it happened in Florida, couldn't it have happened in other states? President Bush wasn't elected, he was selected by the U. S. Supreme Court.

Now that I'm speaking about politics, one of my least favorite topics, I'll express my opinion, there, too. First of all, I haven't voted in many years. Yes, I know it's not patriotic. I have heard one should render unto Caesar what is Caesar's, which is the political system of this world, as well as other things. I know very little of the political system in Rockcastle County, but it must be successful as this town has been in existence since 1790, and hasn't failed yet. Therefore, they must know something.

As for national politics, I keep up with a few topics. I'm sure that both the Democratic and Republican parties each have done a lot of good as well as bad for this country. I feel that President Bush has caused many foreign nations to hate the United States, and has almost bankrupted the nation.

Left to his own devices, and heaven forbid another four years in the White House, U. S. citizens would have moved to the poor house. How many billions of dollars have already been spent in the ever-continuing war with no end in sight? The U.S. has done a lot of good, but what a price. The United States should have pulled out some several weeks ago. What funding hasn't been spent overseas, has been shot into outer space to see if there had ever been life on Mars. I wonder how much good that kind of money could have helped America's poor, homeless, the starving, and the diseased? President Clinton's morals were poor, but at least he left office with a balanced budget.

As far as state politics go, we have the first Republican governor in many years in office. He probably will do well as his predecessors. I understand that President Bush campaigned for him, as well as other Republicans. These campaign trips are paid for by the American taxpayer. Some of them are Democrats, and they may want a refund. One reader suggested that while campaigning, the candidate should resign during this time as it hinders his ability to serve. I wonder if Mr. Bush sent to do this while he is campaigning?

Lastly, concerning politics, being Democrat or Republican is nothing to be proud about. Both are old and distinguished parties. If I ever did vote, the political party affiliation of a candidate would not influence me. However, I hope that my Grandpa Norton never finds out I said such a thing. He always told me that the only way you could tell a Republican from a skunk was that the skunk smelled better and had more honor. I realize that is a very prejudiced opinion, but in all honesty, I have also heard that the elephant, the Republican national symbol, is the only animal that is afraid of a mouse. As you may know, neither of these statements is true.

However, I'm one hundred per' (Cont. to A-11)



Back in the fifties and sixties one of the favorite expressions of low value was to declare something "not worth a plugged nickel, or not worth a lead nickel". And I'm talking about everything from a pocketknife, used car, crippled mule, etc.

Try to sell a shotgun with a crooked barrel that wouldn't shoot straight and the potential buyer would look her over and declare, "I wouldn't give you a lead nickel for that thing!" (Even though I've see Mike Mitchell win shooting matches with a shotgun that had a crooked barrel but that's another story)

Anyway I was on the Internet the other night at a popular auction sight and I was looking for "lead strap" in the piece of leather you use to fasten to a cow if you want to make if follow you, because new ones are way over-priced at the cattle supply places here in Kentucky.

And besides that, I need to lead a goat and I don't want to pay more for the darn strap than the goat's worth. Take my word for it, nobody in the central Kentucky agriculture supply industry is currently running discounts on goat harnesses and lead straps.

As usual, I'm off the subject. It would take a while to tell you why I need to lead a goat. I'm not even sure

it would follow me if I had it tied to a log chain and pulled it with a tractor anyway. I also have no idea why we are persuing the subject. Forget about the lead strap. Tune back in a couple weeks from now and I'll give you an update on proper ways to rock goat.

In the meantime I got more hits on stuff made of lead (the metal) than I did on lead (as in follow me and I will lead you to a path of righteousness, in the case my goat, to the slaughter house).

You probably have a real nickel in your pocket right now. In some places they are worth almost a penny so I advise you to hang onto them. Get a gallon bucket full and you will have a dollar.

I'm not kidding. But I keep digressing. And I want to quote Danny Miller whose classic language is unfit for a family paper but conservatively translated is "heck fire, dirty darn, eat a bag of doody". Which is what Danny used to say when he got upset and precisely what I said when I made a hit on "lead nickel"

Lead nickels. The way you made them. I'm told, was that back during the Great Depression, you heated a real nickel, almost to the point of melting, and you it dropped it into a

(Cont. to A-11)

# ramblings...

by perlina anderkin  
I have decided that life sometimes plays out in plateaus. I decided this because of the way sports programs in the county have advanced over the last few years -- we have attained plateaus in each sport that would have been unthinkable even five years ago.

Of course, this didn't just happen. It has taken dedication, commitment, hard work and, lots of money from schools, coaches, parents, boosters, etc. to accomplish the goals we have reached.

Eventually, sports programs will advance to the next level (and I'm talking here primarily about the basketball programs) -- they will make their presence known in state competition.

The RCHS girls team has a really

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# Obituaries



## Bessie Wright Blessner

Mrs. Bessie Wright Blessner, 90, of Mt. Vernon, died Thursday, March 18, 2004 at the Rockcastle Hospital. She was born in Charleston, WV on September 21, 1913, the daughter of Robert and Laura Belle Johnson Wright. She was a retired nurse, a member of the Eastern Star and was of the Baptist Faith.

Survivors are a son, Claude Hauff (Louise) of Mt. Vernon; a sister, Juanita Pennington of Louisa; four grandchildren; seven great grandchildren and several nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her husband, Bernard G. Blessner of Minnesota; a son, Bob R. Napier; a brother, Ralph Wright and a sister, Alma Crawford.

Funeral services for Mrs. Blessner were conducted Monday, March 22 at the Dowell & Martin Funeral Home by Bro. Darren Starr. Burial was in the Elmwood Cemetery.

Pallbearers were: Henry Falin, Dwight Kilburn, Raymond Kilburn, Brian Napier, Claude William Napier and Kevin Simpson.

Condolences to the family of Mrs. Blessner may be made by visiting her online register at [www.dowellmartin.com](http://www.dowellmartin.com)

**Obituaries**  
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## Juanita Fordyce

Nellie Juanita Fordyce, 91, of Louisville, formerly of Livingston, died March 4, 2004 at Audubon Hospital in Louisville. She was the widow of Clyde "Dip" Fordyce.

A retired grocery clerk, Mrs. Fordyce was a member of the Fairdale (Christian Church in Fairdale, Ky).

Survivors are sons, Tom and Jim Fordyce and Richard and Clifford Underwood; daughters, Alice Cramer, Barbara Kelling and Pat Pace; a sister, Annabelle Johnson and several grandchildren and great grandchildren.

Funeral services were held at Fairdale-McDaniel Funeral Home in Fairdale with interment in Flets Church Cemetery in Corbin. This obituary courtesy of Marvin E. Owens Home for Funerals.

## Hallie Mills

Mrs. Hallie Smith Mills, 90, of Scaif, mother of Bonnie Neely, of Mt. Vernon, died Saturday, March 20, 2004 at the Knox County Hospital in Barbourville. She was born March 22, 1913, the daughter of Cal and Myrtle Gibson Smith, was a former employee of General Motors, enjoyed canning, cooking, gardening and quilting and was a member of the Salt Run Baptist Church.

Besides her daughter, Bonnie Neely (Jim), survivors are five other daughters, Diana M. Robinson of Beaver Creek, OH, Ora Lee Pickett (Carl) of Barbourville, Boush Smith of Corbin, Anna Sue Mills (Randall) of Carlisle, OH and Noma Jean Rawlins (Bob) of Troy, OH; four

sons, C.T. Mills (Wanda) of Scaif, Ben Mills, Jr. (Armetta) of Flat Lick, Don Mills (Maria) of Beaver Creek, OH and Lonnie Mills of Scaif; two sisters, Ellen Potter of Barbourville and Sally Mathis of Louisville; 25 grandchildren; 47 great grandchildren and 18 great grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband, Ben Mills and by five brothers, one sister and four grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Wednesday, March 23 at the Knox Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. Dan Barnard and Rev. Earl Hammons officiating. Burial followed in the Long Tom Mills Cemetery at Scaif. This obituary courtesy of Cox Funeral Home.

## Stanley Adams

Stanley Adams, 81, of Berea, died Tuesday, March 16, 2004 at Marcum and Wallace Hospital in Irvine from complications from a stroke.

Mr. Adams was a native of Rockcastle County, born August 14, 1922, the son of Wolford and Bertha Anglin Adams. He was a farmer, a property owner, former security guard, WWII, U.S. Army veteran, honorable Ky. Colonel and had been a resident of Madison County most of his life.



Besides his wife, Mabel Rose Adams of Berea; he is survived by one son, Mike Adams (Katherine) of Berea; a sister, Thelma Ballinger of Mt. Vernon; one grandson; one step granddaughter and two step great grandchildren.

Besides his parents, Wolford Adams and Bertha Anglin Adams Hensley, he was preceded in death by one brother, Oakley Adams.

Funeral services were held Friday, March 19 at Reppert Funeral Home with Rev. Billy VanWinkle officiating. Burial followed in the Adams-Rose Cemetery.

Pallbearers were: Raymond Coffey, David Jenkins, Chris Phillips, John Wayne Coffey, Ira Coffey and Stanley Earl Adams. View complete obituary, sign the guest registry or leave condolences for the family at [www.reppertfuneralhome.com](http://www.reppertfuneralhome.com)

## Mrs. Jacquelyn Clark

Mrs. Jacquelyn Clark, 76, of Orlando died Tuesday March 16, 2004 at her home. She was born on September 28, 1927 in Camas, Colorado the daughter of the late Benjamin and Alice Petersen Jones. She was a homemaker, a member of the Republican Women's Assn. and the V.F.W. Auxiliary, she enjoyed quilting, bingo, collecting depression glass, and was a member of the First Baptist Church in Long Beach, Cal.

Survivors are two sons, David Clark of Reedley, Calif. and James Clark of San Antonio, Tex.; three daughters, Mrs. Kathryn Dibbets of Stafford, Va., Mrs. Karen Rosenberg of Vine Grove, Ky. and Mrs. Karla Peterson of Chula Vista, Calif; eleven grandchildren, and one great grandchild also survive. She was preceded in death by her husband, Vester Clark.

Services were held Saturday March 20, at the Cox Funeral Home Chapel with Bro. Chad Burdette officiating. Burial followed in the Camp Nelson National Cemetery.

## Vadys Williams Hurley

Vadys Williams Hurley, 88, of Berea, died Sunday, March 21, 2004 at the Terrace Health and Rehabilitation Center following an illness. She was a lifelong resident of Madison County, born May 21, 1915, to Allen and Katherine Short Williams. She was a former elementary school educator with a teaching career that spanned more than 42 years, a member of the Kentucky Retired Teacher's Association, Laurel Ridges Chapter of the DAR and faithful member of Liberty Avenue Baptist Church.

Survivors include two sisters, Lillian Williams and Margaret Clare and three brothers, Allen Williams, Jr., Fred Williams and Valley Williams, all of Berea. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her loving husband, Lester Hurley and six brothers and sisters, Mary Ellen Williams, Jewell Robins, Carl Williams, Wallace Williams, Nick Williams and James Williams.

Funeral services were held Wednesday, March 24 at Reppert Funeral Home with Rev. Kevin Clark officiating. Burial followed in the Berea Cemetery. Pallbearers were: Wesley Williams, Jack Maupin, Roger Williams, Richard Frost, Glenn Vice and Troy Williams.

Memorial contributions are suggested to the Liberty Avenue Baptist Church Building Fund. View complete obituary, sign the guest registry or send condolences to the family at [www.reppertfuneralhome.com](http://www.reppertfuneralhome.com)

## Ella Maude Key

Ella Maude Key, 85, of Cape Coral, FL, formerly of Dayton, Ohio, died Saturday, March 20, 2004. She was born in Rockcastle County to Allen and Georgia Mason Cottingham attended Mt. Vernon High School and was a member of First Baptist Church in West Carrollton, Ohio.

# Church News

## Revival at New Hope

Revival Services will be held at New Hope First Church of God in Crab Orchard March 28th through April 4th. Rodney Williams of Middletown, Ohio will be the speaker March 28th through March 31st. Donald Lear of Danville will be the speaker April 1st through April 4th. Services begin at 6 o'clock each evening. There will also be special singing each evening.

The church is located approx. six miles from Crab Orchard on Hwy. 305. Everyone welcome.

## Gospel Meeting

Mt. Zion Church of Christ, located on Hwy. 39, will be conducting a meeting April 12th through April 17th at 7 o'clock each evening. The speaker will be Joe Hill. Everyone welcome.

## Maple Grove Singing

There will be a singing at Maple Grove Baptist Church Sat., March 27th at 7 p.m. with the Lakes Family featured. Bro. Keith Carr invites everyone to attend.

Survivors are one daughter, Mary Ann Hale Rife of West Carrollton; three sons, Paul Michael Key (Carolyn) of Cape Coral, FL, Gerald Lee Key of Dayton, OH and Samuel Doyle Key (JoAnn) of Springboro, OH; one brother, Howard Miller (Stella) of Berea; a sister, Mayme Reed of Luckerman, Arkansas; six grandchildren and three great grandchildren.

Besides her parents, she was preceded in death by two husbands, Richard "Red" Cope and Samuel Paul Key; three sisters, Della Mae Graham, Margie Powell and Nina Townsend and two brothers, John Edward Miller, Jr. and Orville Kenneth Miller.

Funeral services were held Wednesday, March 24 in Dayton, OH with burial in the Dayton Memorial Park Cemetery. This obituary courtesy of the Davis & Powell Funeral Home in Berea.

## Good Friday Service

Chimax Christian Church will hold Good Friday Service April 9th at 7 p.m. Speakers for the service are Harvey Spry, Raymond Tencher, Dale, Ballinger and Walter Ballinger.

## Spring Revival

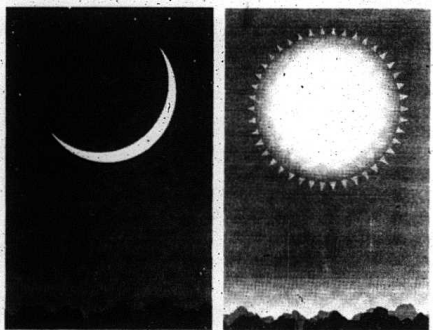
Mareburg Baptist Church will hold a Spring Revival beginning Sunday morning, April 4th through Wednesday evening April 7th. Services at 7 o'clock nightly. Chad Fugitt, pastor of Chaplin Baptist Church will be the evangelist. Special singing each night. The public is welcome. Wayne Harding is pastor.

## Revival at Cupps Chapel

Cupps Chapel Holiness Church will be having revival services, with Bro. Scott Kilburn, beginning Thursday night, March 25th through Sunday, March 28th, at 7 o'clock nightly - Pastor Dwayne Carpenter and congregation invite everyone to attend.

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Chemotherapy treatment used to mean making a long trip out of town. But not any longer. Through a joint project of Rockcastle Hospital and Respiratory Care Center, Inc. and the Markey Cancer Center at the University of Kentucky, chemotherapy is now offered in Mt. Vernon.

Dr. Susanne Arnold, of the Markey Center, oversees the program, which includes inpatient consulting and outpatient treatment regimens.

## Our Readers Write

### A year later...

Dear Friends,  
It's been a year since Edward Todd Fields, our son, and a missionary in Honduras, was killed by robbers in Guatemala. We write this letter to thank you for your deep concern and tremendous support, as well as to share the spiritual pilgrimage of the past months.

On February 2, 2003, we sat down to watch part of the *Transformation I* film, produced by Sentinel Group, focusing on towns and cities around the world where God had transformed people and cities when Christians got together and followed the instructions in II Chronicles 7:14. "When my people who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and will heal their land." When the film was over, both of us were weeping and acknowledged that our own So. East Kentucky Hills were like Cali, Columbia in darkness and sin.

A couple of weeks later, we gathered several folks to view the *Transformation II* film at Northside Baptist Church in Mt. Vernon. We all wept and agreed we must share the film and gather Christians to pray for the illegal drug industry to be brought to its knees in repentance and lifted up in the fullness of New Life in Christ. Also, we would ask God to bless and protect the children and young people

and bring them to Jesus. The Rockcastle Ministerial Association purchased 40 of the films to share with local churches.

We began to meet every Thursday morning at 10 a.m. at Mt. Vernon Community House, 40 Main Street, where Vi Ellis welcomes all to pray. On March 27th, approximately 10:30 a.m., at the prayer meeting, Eddie's prayer was "Father, we know Satan does not like Christians gathering together to pray, regardless of their church affiliations; and we realize that he will attack and inspire of what happens may be found faithful in praying you."

On the 28th of March, 2003, at midnight, we were awakened by a knock on the door. When Eddie opened the door, dear friends, Lobby and Jim Earl Hammors, brought the shocking news that Todd, our son, their son-in-law, had been killed in a prayer meeting came to mind, followed by the Scripture II Timothy 1:12. "I know in whom I have believed and am convinced that God is able to keep all that I have entrusted unto him for that day." We knew, though devastated, that our Father was in charge and we trusted Him. All through the night, and for the next days (as you know, being among them) family and friends joined us to grieve alongside, to pray, encourage and bless in countless ways.

On April 8th, many of you attended the heart-lifting memorial ser-

vice for Todd at the First Baptist Church in Mt. Vernon, followed by a burial service and time of remembering at cliffRock. You prayed for us as we, Nell and the girls, flew to Honduras to join at the local folks wept and shared their special stories of Todd's life among them, bringing God's hope and help. We love "home" and Nell and the girls stayed in their home, continuing the ministries among the people God first sent Todd and Nell to in 1986.

Throughout the past months of 2003 and 2004, God's Presence has been our Comfort, Strength and Joy. You have been and are God's Love manifested in human form to us. We, and our stateside family, are now in Honduras, visiting Lynnell, Savannah and Sophia. We're again soaking in the place and ministries where Lynnell and the girls have continued the work. We are joining them, on site, to pray for God's Wisdom to help them know what is next.

Mike Donald, the friend Todd and the MK's (missionary kids) were going to visit in Guatemala on retreat is a Peace Corps buddy who lives there with his family and works in the Guatemalan Embassy. Later, Mike and Susan Donald, were tremendous help to Nell as she had many responsibilities involving the Embassy in taking care of the situation.

This is the note we sent to Mike to translate into Spanish and have printed in the newspaper, *Prensa Libre* in Guatemala. He sent us the newspaper in which it was printed.

"On March 28th, 2003 at 3:30 p.m., Edward Todd Fields, missionary to Honduras was killed by robbers on the Pan American highway in Guatemala. Todd, a missionary

couple and six younger people, were on a Christian Retreat. We, Todd's family, are brokenhearted over this terrible tragedy. You can only take comfort that Todd lived, served and died following Jesus, his Savior and Lord. We also are Christians and believe that Jesus died on the cross for all people. Jesus teaches that we are to forgive those who trespass against us just as we are forgiven for our sins. Grace of Todd's family, chooses to forgive the murderers and we are praying for new life in Christ for each one. If this message is confusing, please find a Bible or another person who is a Christian, to help understand."

We share it today in this newspaper, certainly not because anyone here had anything to do with Todd's death but folks in this area were very dear to Todd and still are to the rest of the family. We care that there are many people in this area who do not know Jesus personally and need the peace and love Jesus brings, as do people all over the world.

Our prayer, Dear God, please call the lost to Yourself and Grace: Gift them with Salvation and the hunger to serve you. And then, Father, instruct your church folks to choose, in love to walk alongside each new follower, to disciple and enable the world to see a John 13:34-35. "Behold how they love one another" community, Satan did not win in Todd's death and he is not going to win in these beautiful hills.

Thank you again, dear friends, for all you are and for all you give into our lives.

Bob and Eddie Fields and Family

Dear Editor,  
Johnna Abney, and family, would like to express their thanks for the concert, and well wishes that were bestowed upon Johnna after she sustained her injury in the regional finals. Johnna has cried many tears over the kindness shown to her by everyone in the community, and from basketball fans from across the state. A special thanks go out to the coaching staff and her teammates for love expressed, gifts given, and the moral support they have put forth to try to lift Johnna's spirits during this difficult time. Lady Rockets, Johnna will be there cheering you on in the Sweet 16, and with God's grace, she will be back next year playing with you on the Diddle floor. The Family of Johnna Abney

Dear Editor,  
I am interested in locating any descendants of Ephraim Thompson of Rockcastle County (1805-1887) now living in your area. Some of his children were: Russell, Mary, Caroline, David, Robert, Reuben, Allenworth and Sarilda.  
Ken D. Thompson  
1768 Plum Ridge road  
Taylorville, KY 40071  
emath.gammusfarm@aol.com

Dear Editor,  
I saw the most wonderful comic production of Shakespeare's *Macbeth* yesterday, Wednesday March 17th. The musical was performed by students of Rockcastle High School in their very comfortable and spacious theater.

The actors received a standing ovation from their 14 to 17 year old audience - a tough crowd to impress! I hear the play is being performed again in the evening on April 1st (no fooling for the public and would be a wonderful entertainment for anyone who loves to laugh. *Macbeth* is the story of a man (Macbeth) who hears a prophecy that he will become king and not be defeated until a forest walks up a hill.

This is not your run of the mill high school play. The costumes are striking, the lines come fast and funny and the theater acoustics are great. When does this acting troupe

go on tour? Other high schools and groups should have the pleasure of knowing the caliber of acting Rockcastle High School can produce!

Bob Coffey  
Mt. Vernon, Ky.

Dear Editor,  
I just finished reading the March 4 issue of *The Signal* and felt compelled to say how impressed I am with the contents, especially the editorial page. May I suggest that you allow son Aaron to fill in for you more often? What a future this young man has! I hope he plans to enter politics, or at least the journalistic field dealing with such issues on the national level. I am sending a copy of his article to the White House with special attention to the President.

Now, on a more personal note: Jim Norton's reminiscences are about as "far out" as his political expressions. He claims to have known me on "Skeeps" Creek before I became an intellect; when we added up our miles with fancy tassets; thought Crab Orchard was a state; and Ohio was overseas."

Speak for yourself, Jim. Geography was never one of my better subjects and I am not sure when I became aware that either place existed. But I did learn, and came to appreciate both, for whatever that, or my...  
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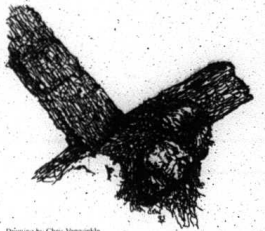


Illustration by Chris Vanaville

## Bus Drills Early Dismissal

The Rockcastle County Schools will be conducting bus drills on Friday, April 2, 2004. The Rockcastle County High School and Middle School will dismiss at 2:45 p.m. Buses will proceed to the elementary schools where the drills will be conducted. Please adjust your schedule for this early dismissal. No school April 5 - 9 for Spring Break.

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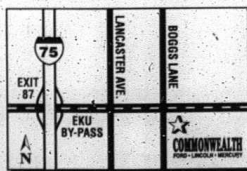
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**"Letters"**  
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promotion to the ranks of intellect, has to do with anything. And, though this seems irrelevant, the only mule I ever rode was a little mare saddled for me by my brother. And she never had a fancy name. We couldn't afford fills. But I am happy that Jim was among the more elite, though to my knowledge, I never met the man. And I never lived on Skaggs Creek. This fact I am certain. My childhood home was between two now defunct post office sites - Fongo and Bloss - some three miles from the nearest creek crossing.

Anyone who has ever known me, or read my book, knows I never tried to conceal my roots -- if that was the motive behind these revelations. In fact, the book is all about my growing up in the hills of Rockcastle County during the Great Depression and the hardships we endured. It was there that I learned many of the values I am most proud of today; values that have guided my life and been passed along to my children and, hopefully, to theirs.

My only contact with Mr. Norton was via a telephone call and a letter last summer, both challenging the radical statement he made, and keeps repeating, about former President Reagan who has become a favorite punching bag for the left since he is no longer able to defend himself. Norton and I agreed to disagree and that was the extent of it. Neither of us made a dent in the other's political views.

But I still feel he should provide his source of information that Reagan once said old people didn't need Social Security; that they should have saved enough to live on without government assistance. Such a statement or attitude would have meant political suicide for anyone. And Ronald Reagan was no idiot, nor was he insensitive to the needs of seniors. The fact is, no President ever worked more diligently to protect and preserve the Social Security system than Reagan who was a Republican Democrat in 1937 when the program was instituted. So, unless Norton can give us some direct quotes from written speeches or public records, he should abandon these reckless charges or continue to look ridiculous.

In closing, I would like to thank Eula Leeway of Louisville for her kind words concerning my contributions to the editor. She is a kind spirit in many ways, but I do wish she would rethink some of her criticisms of Governor Fletcher and give him a chance to make a difference where differences were so sorely needed. After all, he is the state's first Republican governor in some thirty-four years and only the second in my memory. I left Kentucky as a young bride in the early '40s and was never privileged to live under a Republican governor. So, hang in there, Ma Leeway. I envy you and I do believe better days are ahead for our beloved state. I only wish I could have had a part in bringing it about.

Sincerely,  
Christine McKinney  
West Chester, Ohio

Dear Editor,

I just wanted to make a few observations about Senator John Kerry, the Democratic presidential contender.

Do you know what my nickname for Mr. Kerry is? I call him the Flip-Flop Man. He just changes his opinions from one hour to the next, according to which crowd he's speaking to and trying to make happy at that particular time. He will say anything to draw attention to himself and try any number of tactics to avoid talking about the serious topics and issues. He is afraid to discuss how he voted against every military weapons program that our country needed over the years that he's been a Senator. He doesn't want to run on his record. He's ashamed of it, as are most of his supporters. That's why, he and they, try to change the subject quickly and start telling bold-faced lies on a great man, President George W. Bush.

Did you know these facts? Senator John Kerry claims he will be a great friend and help to our nation's poor people. Yes, the same man who lives in a 19 1/2 room mansion, who recently paid \$200,000 for lawn landscaping and lives next door to a billionaire. Sure, he will help the poor people.

John Kerry, if elected (God forbid) would be just like Jimmy Carter and Bill Clinton. He will be a coward who's afraid to show any guts. He will let terrorists and dictators do as they please, wreaking havoc all over the globe -- yes, even in America, while he sits back in the Oval Office thinking about signing

peace treaties like "Peanut Jimmy". C. with that same type of silly naive grin.

Mr. Kerry wants us to go back to the Flower child days of oppositionist policy or mind set like the late 1960's? Do you readers want our country to be respected by other countries like now, or laughed at like it was under Carter and Clinton? They wouldn't stand up and fight if a Cobra snake was striking at them. My grandfather called that yellow. That's Mr. Kerry's color, as well as his other colleagues like "Fat Teddy" Kennedy and wimpy "Star" supporters like Al Gore Baldwin and Barbara Streisand and "Traitor" Jane Fonda. Maybe the Democratic leaders of this paper will remember that unpatented gag. She's another ultra rich gal pal supporter of John Kerry. Have you seen the old

photo of her and John together from the Vietnam era when she was doing all that? If you elect this excuse for a man, they will have a big laugh at her.

Sincerely,  
Don Howard  
Mt. Vernon, Ky.

Dear Editor,

I am a great believer in treating everybody fair. But my son, Ralph Cromer, who runs Ralph's Salvage Yard Wrecker Service, has never been treated fair by any of the law officials. Recently, it was Ralph's turn for a wrecker call. 911 told the law, Ralph's Salvage was next on the list. The deputies came back and said wait, two wreckers are here and I'll check to see if the other wants one of them. This is not how it is supposed to be. The law says they are not to do this and it knocked Ralph out of his run, giving it to Frankly Woodall who ran to the scene.

I believe the law, when they are working these wrecks, should treat everyone equal. Ralph is not a person to lose to his fellowman wrong. I never raised him that way. Ralph does towing for the people when they call him, cheaper than Town and Country, David Thompson or any of the rest. It does bother me that we all felt so good toward Sheriff Darrell Don when he ran for Sheriff. We talked to everyone about him to help him get elected. Now that he's sheriff, he won't help stop this unfairness going on.

I was told he told Rene Debord, who works for Ralph Cromer, he, Sheriff and he'd run things how he wanted to run them.

Well, I have this to say to Sheriff Don. He might ought to shape up his act if he wants elected again. The same ones that helped him "in" can help him "out".

Ralph doesn't ask for any favors, all he asks for is fairness and honesty. Is that too much to ask of a Sheriff or his deputies in whom we place our confidence? Sheriff Don and his family have been people I have loved a long time. I can't picture him doing this to my son. Something I'd never do to his no matter how high I rose on the totem pole as the saying goes.

Glady's Iona Cromer

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**Many Causes for Poor Sleep**

Presented by Dr. Kimberly Cornelius

As people grow older, they have more and more problems with sleep. The problems commonly begin around age 40 and increase with age.

There are several significant causes of poor sleep in older people. A common cause is sleep apnea. Normally a person may have a few pauses in his breathing for up to 10 seconds while sleeping, but when it happens dozens of times a night, a person does not get the rest that he needs. Sleep apnea is commonly associated with snoring.

Another problem that develops after age 40 is nocturnal myoclonus. With this, a person will have frequent violent kicking motions that disturb his normal sleep pattern and stages of sleep. Although the person may not be aware that he has such movements, his partner will certainly be aware of them.

Depression is another common cause of poor sleep. A person may fall asleep okay only to awaken in the middle of the night and not be able to sleep well after that. Antidepressants will work well for the depression as well as help with the sleep disturbance.

Alcohol is a depressant and tends to make people fall asleep, but it also prevents the deeper stages of sleep and causes frequent awakenings during the night. Avoid alcohol if you have any difficulty sleeping. Exercise is usually helpful in promoting good sleep but it should be done at least a few hours before going to bed. Stimulants, such as caffeine and decongestants, should be avoided in the latter half of the day. Sleeping pills should be avoided since they are effective for only short periods. If problems persist, a person should consult his physician for further evaluation.



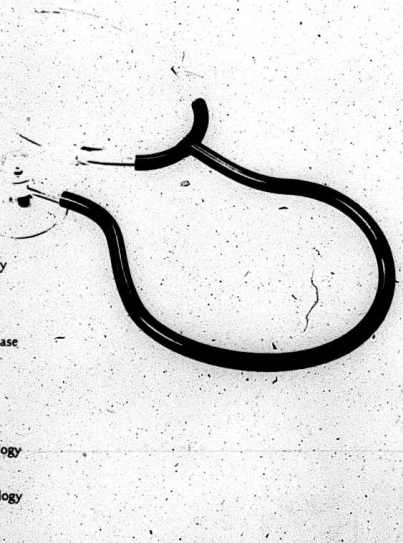
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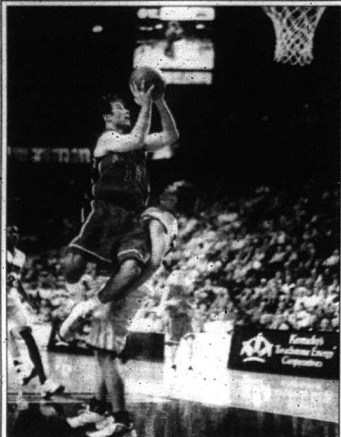
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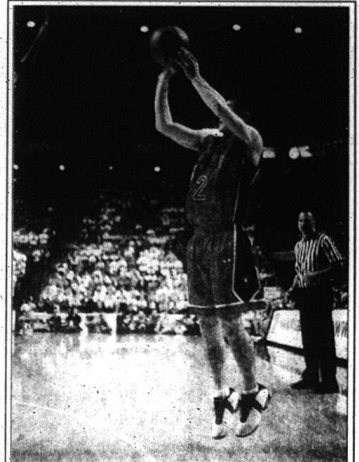


Junior Aaron Cash tried it all during his team's game with PRP last Thursday. Here he goes high against a Panther defender to try to get the ball in the basket. Cash also scored four three point baskets and hit five free throws to lead his team in scoring with 19.



Kyle Mullins got into some "tall timber" during action against the PRP Panthers last Thursday. Mullins sank one of two free throws in the game.

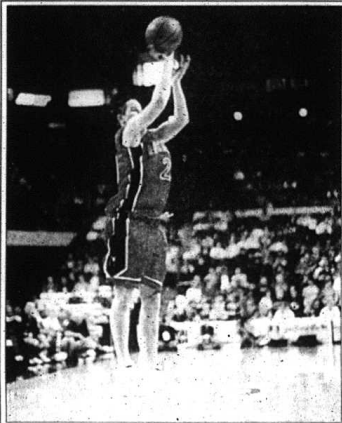
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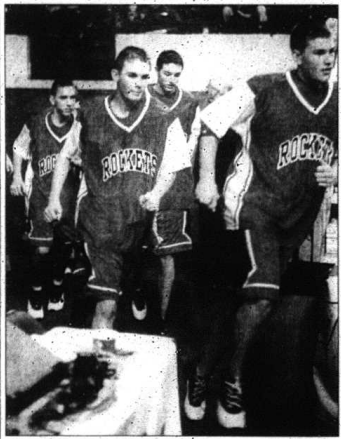
Senior Devin Taylor scored nine points in his last basketball game as a Rocket last Thursday. Taylor, who played all three sports during his high school career, will finish out his senior year catching for the baseball team.



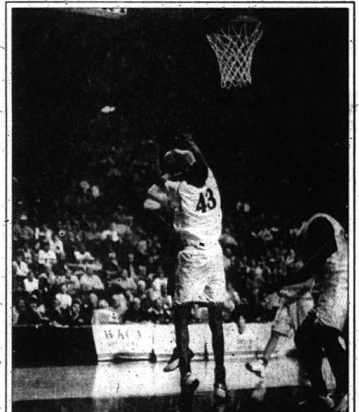
Taking the floor for their game with Pleasure Ridge Park last Thursday were, front to back: Aaron Cash, Colby Brown and Blake Roberts and, bottom photo, Brad Durham, Lynn Miricle, Coty Childers and Gabe Stallsworth.



Sophomore Colby Brown made his first appearance in a basketball state tournament and came away with seven points. Colby, a starting pitcher for the Rockets, also appeared in last year's state baseball finals.



Chanting for radio listeners of WRVK at half time of the game during the state tournament last Thursday were, from left: Casey Taylor, Kayla Barnett, Becca Alsip, Emily Reddington and Mercedes Burdette.



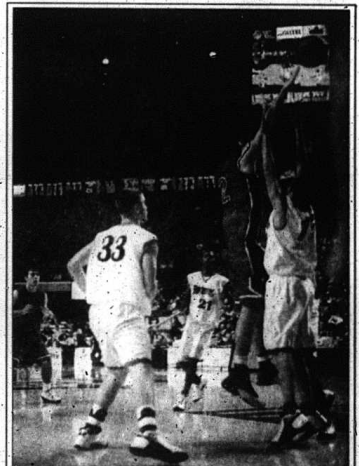
The bad news is that's Rocket Weston Riddle on the other side of Pleasure Ridge Park's 6'10" center Terrance Farley. The good news is that Riddle still got the ball into the goal-- somehow.



Former RCHS principal Cleston Saylor, long a supporter of all Rocket sports, got a good seat for this year's state tournament appearance by the Rockets -- he was on the bench with the team.



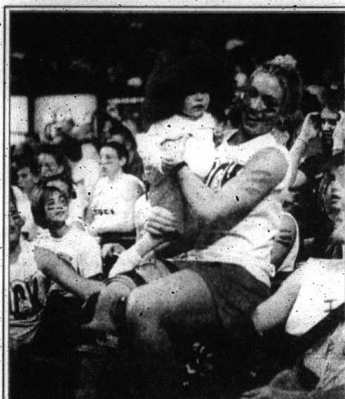
Shown just prior to the Rockets-PRP state tournament game are two Rockets who have contributed much to their team's success this year: sophomore Colby Brown, left, and senior Devin Taylor. Both don't get their picture in the paper as much as others primarily because of their role as perimeter players.



J.C. McClure gets one up against Panther defenders in state tournament action against PRP.



Fan Support, as usual, for the Rockets in their state tournament appearance this year was excellent and included members of the Lady Rockets basketball team.



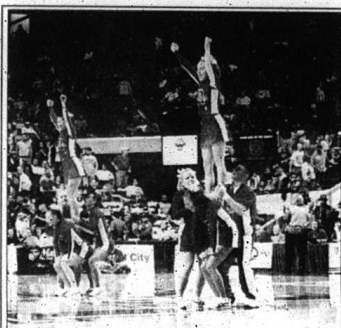
Casey Coleman, daughter of Adam and Debbie Coleman, both teachers at RCHS, appeared to be having a "bad hair" day last Thursday. Johnna Abney tried to get Casey to forget her hair woes.



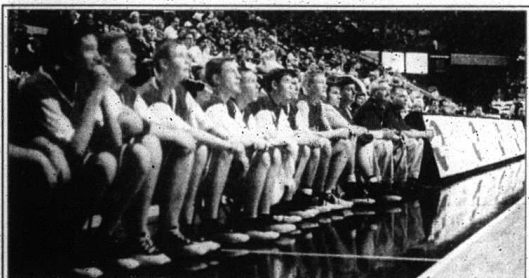
Allison Durham, a member of the Lady Rockets basketball team and Josh Cameron, left, represented their school in half time sports competitions. They won, beating out a pair from PRP.



### Tourney Photos by Allison Anderkin



The RCHS cheerleaders showed off their stunting capabilities, which won them a regional title this year, on the floor at Rupp Arena last Thursday.



The Rockets bench watched their teammates perform late in the Rockets game against Pleasure Ridge Park last Thursday. The Rockets lost by 14 but actually acquitted themselves well against the much bigger and faster PRP Panthers. Junior Blake Roberts, fifth from right, was on the bench, having fouled out with just over two minutes to go in the fourth quarter with 17 points to his credit. Left to right are: Lynn Miracle, Brad Durham, Coty Childress, Lance Baldwin, Gabe Stallworth, Brandon Cameron, Derreck Hurst, Roberts, J.C. McClure, asst. coach Jerry Renner, Coach Clayton Cash and assistant Jessie Mahaffey.



Members of the RCHS Pep Band rallied fan support for the Rockets with their playing at this year's "Sweet Sixteen" boys state basketball tournament at Rupp Arena in Lexington. The band will be traveling to Bowling Green Thursday (today) to support the Lady Rockets as they begin tournament play in their own "Sweet Sixteen."

## Jimmie Johnson gets first Darlington win

By Gerald Hodges/The Racing Reporter

"I can't believe I won at Darlington," said Jimmie Johnson after holding off Bobby Labonte on Sunday to win the Nextel Cup Carolina Dodge Dealers 400 at Darlington Raceway.

"It's unbelievable," said Johnson. "It's been a goal of mine to win at Darlington and we've always had a great car and came close. The pit stops are what made the difference and what got us the win."

The decisive move for Johnson's No. 48 Lowe's team came during a round of yellow flag pit stops after Kyle Petty lost an engine during lap 374 of the 393-lap race.

It was a drag race back to the track between Johnson and Bobby Labonte, but Johnson edged out Labonte by a car bumper.

When green flag racing resumed on lap 382, the leaders were Johnson, Labonte, Robby Gordon, Ryan Newman, and Elliott Sadler.

On the next lap Casey Kahne spun in turn three after receiving a bump from Tony Stewart.

The next restart was a single file one with only four laps to go. Johnson got a good jump on Labonte, and was able to hold off the challenge for his first win at the Lady in Black and the seventh of his Cup career.

"The car was a handful early in the race, but the guys adjusted on it all day," said Labonte. "The pit stops were good, we got beat out a little bit there at the end, but on a short run we weren't as good as on the long runs."

Ryan Newman came from a lap down after making a mistake on pit road to finish third.

"When you're leading and you go a lap down, cause the driver makes a mistake on pit road, I knew we had a car that was capable of running in the top-five," said Newman. "The team did a great job getting us off pit road, and I picked up one more on the race track."

Robby Gordon, Elliott Sadler, Kurt Busch, Mark Martin, Kevin Harvick, Jeremy Mayfield, and Dale Earnhardt Jr. rounded out the top-10.

Dale Earnhardt Jr. was one of the early leaders, but about midway of the race, he lost the handling on his No. 8 and wound up 10th.

Jeff Gordon ran into Andy Belmont's spinning car during lap 26 and did not finish the race. Afterwards, he was critical of the slower, "filer" cars that NASCAR now allows to enter races.

In addition to other problems, points leader Matt Kenseth received a pit road penalty and finished 31st.

Finishing order: 1. Jimmie Johnson, 2. Bobby Labonte, 3. Ryan Newman, 4. Robby Gordon, 5. Elliott Sadler, 6. Kurt Busch, 7. Mark Martin, 8. Kevin Harvick, 9. Jeremy Mayfield, 10. Dale Earnhardt Jr., 11. Jeff Burton, 12. Greg Biffle, 13. Casey Kahne, 14. Sterling Marlin, 15. Casey Mears, 16. Scott Wimmer, 17. Tony Stewart, 18. Ward Burton, 19. Terry Labonte, 20. Joe Nemechek, 21. Jamie McMurray, 22. Ken Schrader, 23. Brian Vickers, 24. Jeff Green, 25. Derrick Cole, 26. Johnny Sauter, 27. Brendan Gaughan, 28. Kevin LePage, 29. Rusty Wallace, 30. Scott Riggs, 31. Matt Kenseth, 32. Dale Jarrett, 33. Ricky Rudd, 34. Kyle Petty, 35. Michael Waltrip, 36. Ricky Craven, 37. Andy Belmont, 38. Morgan Shepherd, 39. Kris Sheldermine, 40. Todd Bodine, 41. Jeff Gordon, 42. Andy Hillenburg, 43. Joe Ruttman.

Top-10 points leaders: 1. Kenseth-743, 2. Earnhardt Jr.-722, 3. Stewart-708, 4. Busch-687, 5. Kahne-679, 6. Johnson-665, 7. Newman-637, 8. Sadler-636, 9. Harvick-608, 10. Martin-583.

Fans came to aid of Dave Blaney. Racing fans are paying out of their pocket to help sponsor Dave Blaney for the June 20, Sirius 400 at Brooklyn, Michigan.

According to John Fredenburg, Blaney is currently driving for Bill Davis Racing in Gail Davis's No. 23 Nextel Cup car. BDR plans to run 4 more races with Blaney in the unsponsored role in hopes of securing sponsorship for this team. After a strong showing in the Bud Shoot Out and lead lap finishes in the Daytona 500 and at Atlanta, Blaney's fans have decided to pool their resources in an effort to get Dave on the track for one more race this Cup season.

"We are trying to do several things," said Fredenburg. "First, we want to make sponsors aware of our unwavering commitment to Dave Blaney and BDR by putting our money where our mouth is. Number two, make NASCAR aware that the fans are what this sport is all about and we are not interested in watching field fillers who (unlike Dave & BDR) have little chance of being competitive."

And three, let Dave do the talking for us from behind the wheel of the No. 23. Dave has paid his dues

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The RCHS cheerleaders worked hard all season long for both the boys and girls teams and then into post-season play. The girls are holders of a regional title of their own this year, having won the 13th region cheerleading crown at KAPOs competition.

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# 10 & Under Lady Rockets are State AAU Champions

**Headed to National Tournament in Florida**

By Eddie Hammond

The 10 & Under Rockcastle Lady Rockets AAU team made history this past weekend at the Kentucky Basketball Academy in Lexington by winning a State Championship and automatic bid to the National AAU Girls 10 & Under tournament to be held at Lake Buena Vista, Florida the week of June 26-July 4.

This year's team went into the state tournament with an undefeated record and "ran the table" with three wins in pool play over the shooting stars, an all-star team from Florence

(3423); over the Grayson County Lady Cougars, 41-12 and a 38-19 win over another all-star team; the Central Kentucky Angels.

The team entered play on Sunday as a #1 seed and faced the Louisville Jaguars, a team that knocked them out of tournament play last year in Shepherdsville. This year, the Lady Rockets turned the tables and won 37-27. A win in the semi-finals meant an automatic bid to the National tournament and Rockcastle won over a Jessy Bullitt East team, holding on to a two-point half-time lead to win going away by double digits, 31-19.

The championship game, against an all-star team from Bowling Green—the blast, was the way championship games are supposed to be played. The Lady Rockets jumped out to a lead only to have the blast catch up and take the lead early in the third quarter, 20-17. A 10 foot jump shot from the lane by Sara

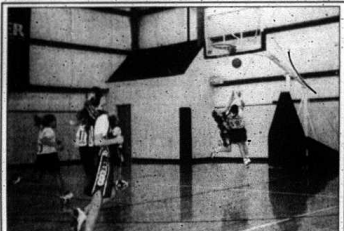
Hammond made it 20-19 and, from there, the Lady Rockets finished the game with a 12-5 run, winning 31-25.

All ten Lady Rockets played and contributed during the weekend. It was definitely a team effort—a team made up of players from all three county elementary schools—Brookhead, Mt. Vernon and Roundstone. Members of the squad are: Courtney Campbell, Brittany Boring, Alivia Bullock, Jennifer Hackworth, Sydney Arvin, Ella McQueary, Morgan Hunt, Angie Lawrence, Kristen Abney, Sara Hammond.

With this year's Lady Rockets playing in the Sweet Sixteen in Bowling Green and four returning starters, and an RCMS program that is winning over 80% of its games and now the 10 & Under AAU team, things look very bright for the Lady Rockets basketball program.



The Rockcastle 10-year-old and under AAU team won the state championship this past weekend in Lexington. Members of the squad are front from left: manager Ashlyn Arvin, Angie Lawrence, Ella McQueary, Morgan Campbell, Sidney Arvin and Jennifer Hackworth. Second row from left: Morgan Hunt, Brittany Boring, Sara Hammond, Olivia Bullock and Christina Abney. Back row from left: asst. coach Melissa Singleton and coach Darla Reams.



Sara Hammond scores against the Northern Kentucky Shooting Stars in opening play at the State AAU Tournament. Also pictured for Rockcastle is #20 Jennifer Hackworth.



Free throws can be the difference between winning or losing. Kristin Abney demonstrates great form that helped the Lady Rockets win six games at the State AAU Tournament. The Lady Rockets shot free throws very well against the Central Kentucky Angels.



Sara Hammond gets the tip to begin the championship game against Bowling Green Blast. Also pictured is #12 Angie Lawrence. The Lady Rockets won the game and state championship, 31-25, Saturday at KBA in Lexington.

## "Racing Reporter"

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and many are now realizing the extent of damage done to Dave's Cup career by driving for Jasper the last couple of years, especially last year when Jasper climbed into bed with Penske and the year using up all of Penske's leftover Ford engines.

"His current situation with BDR is a handsome deal at best because Dave is still technically on contract with Penske/Jasper.

"To make a long story short we (Dave's fan base) are taking pledges from individuals and businesses at Dave's Official message board, quickstartap.com. Go to the Dave Blaney forum on that site and you will see that we have raised close to \$50,000 already.

"It is unfortunate that a sponsor cannot be secured for Dave because his fans would rather spend that money on sponsor related items and apparel. Just ask Whelen Engineering.

"I think it's great that fans are willing to shell out their own cash to help a driver that is capable of running up front. The difference between drivers who win and those who run in the middle of the pack are big money sponsors.

There is a racing adage, "Money Buys Speed, How Fast Do You Want To Go."

NASCAR has 25-30 drivers, like Blaney, that are capable of winning a Nextel Cup race, but only about 10-12 teams have the needed money to buy the latest technology, engineering and personnel that allows their driver to run up front.

But that doesn't mean that drivers like Dave Blaney don't have the skills it takes to be a winner. They just don't have the cash.

Personally, I hope Dave's fans raise enough money for him to race at Michigan... and more races.

Biffle beats teammate Jeff Burton in Busch race

Greg Biffle, driver of the Roush Racing's No. 16 National Guard Ford overcame a slow pit stop in the early laps of the Busch Series Diamond Hill Plywood 200 to drive away to

his first Busch win of 2004.

His teammate, Jeff Burton finished second about a straightaway behind him.

This was the first test of the new SAFER barriers that were recently installed on the outside walls of the turns. There were three crashes, but no reported injuries of any of the involved drivers.

Finishing order: 1. Greg Biffle, 2. Jeff Burton, 3. David Green, 4. Martin Truex, 5. David Stremme, 6. Johnny Benson, 7. Robby Gordon, 8. Michael Waltrip, 9. Casey Atwood, 10. Mike Bliss, 11. Kasey Kahne, 12. Kenny Wallace, 13. Jason Keller, 14. Jason Leffler, 15. Stacy Compton, 16. Tim Fedewa, 17. Kyle Busch, 18. Hermie Sadler, 19. Bobby Hamilton Jr., 20. Ashton Lewis Jr., 21. Kevin Harvick, 22. Robert Pressley, 23. Ron Hornaday, 24. Steve Grissom, 25. Damon Lusk, 26. Paul Menard, 27. Johnny Sauter, 28. Joe Nemechek, 29. Mike Harmon, 30. Regan Smith, 31. Gus Wesson, 32. Jason Schuler, 33. Jason White, 34. Andy Poststein, 35. Derrick Cope, 36. Mike Wallace, 37. Shane Seigler, 38. Dennis Nueberger, 39. Jimmy Kitchens, 40. Justin Ashburn, 41. Stan Boyd, 42. Brad Teague, 43. Jeff Fuller.

Top-10 points leaders: 1. Harvick, 620; 2. D. Green, 504; 3. Waltrip, 578; 4. Truex, 550; 6. R. Gordon, 543; 7. Hamilton Jr., 532; 8. Keller, 531; Stremme, 9. Biffle, 513; 10. J. Sauter, 507.

SHIZZERS: Dale Earnhardt Jr. Matt Kenseth and Casey Kahne are the cream of the crop after five races.

FIZZLERS: Dale Earnhardt's teammate, Michael Waltrip, hasn't come close to equaling the performance of Earnhardt. After five races Richard Childress thought this would be the year Robby Gordon and the No. 31 team came alive. Gordon did get his first top-10 of the season at Darlington, but he is still not a leading driver, and is 24th in points.

Weekend Racecast

The Nextel Cup and Busch series are at Bristol, Tennessee, while the Craftsman Trucks are idle.

Saturday, March 27, Busch Series Sharpie Professional 250, race 5 of 34; Starting time: 1 p.m. (EST); TV: FX Channel; Distance: 250 laps/133 miles; Defending champion: Kevin Harvick, Chevrolet.

Sunday, March 28, Nextel Cup Food City 500, race 6 of 36; Starting time: 1 p.m. (EST); TV: Fox; Distance: 500 laps/266 miles; Defending champion: Kurt Busch, Ford.

Bristol Motor Speedway track information: Size: 533 mile oval; Banking in turns: 36 degrees; Banking on straights: 16 degrees; Length of front/backstretch: 650 feet; Grandstand capacity: 150,000.

Racing Trivia Question: Who drives the No. 87 Nextel Cup Chevrolet this season?

If you would like to read additional racing stories by Greg Hodges/the Racing Reporter, go to www.race500.com.



It is often said, "Defense Wins Championships." That statement rang true for the 10 and under AAU Lady Rockets as they captured the state championship. The Lady Rockets are pictured in action against Bullitt East in the semi-finals.

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## In and Around Mt. Vernon

By Vallie Burton

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Robinson of Ohio visited her mother; Mrs. Ora York and family during the week end.

Mrs. Linda Eaton visited Mr. and Mrs. Eric Eaton of Midway and Mr. and Mrs. Kevin Coulter and children of Munfordville and Mr. and Mrs. John Eaton III last week.

I had a phone call from my cousin, Tara Vaughn, of California last week. Mark Eaton and sister, Julie Coulter celebrated their birthdays March 19. We wish them returns of the day.

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

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Houston visited her father, Oscar Saylor, at Crab Orchard recently.

Caleb Eaton celebrated his birthday March 1st. We wish him many returns of the day.

Mrs. Jean McGuire has been on the sick list. We wish her a speedy recovery.

Mr. and Mrs. Junior Blanton and Mildred Hunt visited Mrs. Dixie Blanton a while Saturday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Eaton II and Patricia Holland visited Mr. and Mrs. Kevin Coulter and children at Munfordville Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Danny Petrey of Somerset, Shirley Burton of Broadhead and Sheila Zemi of Cincinnati, Ohio visited Vallie Burton a while Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Mark Eaton have returned home after visiting her father, Bob White, in a Tennessee hospital. We wish him a speedy recovery.

Lorena Eaton celebrated her birthday March 23. We wish her many returns of the day.



Master Eric Bullock received his title and fifth degree blackbelt September 20, 2003. He acquired the privilege of testing his own students along with this rank. He is shown here with three students who tested before him at the Mt. Vernon Sin The' Karate Club on February 12, 2004 and received higher ranks and their new belts. The students are as follows front - Johnathon Payne yellow belt to blue belt. Back row from left: Brian Morrison, yellow belt to blue belt, instructor Master Eric Bullock and Aaron Grays, blue belt to green belt.

## Berea Health Ministry Spring Brunch fund raiser

### Rural Health Care Clinic Opens

The Berea Health Ministry's Spring Brunch Fund Raiser will be held April 17, 2004 at the Berea Baptist Fellowship Hall, pastor Kevin

Slomp, from 10 a.m. until noon. This year's event will be catered by Ann's Catering of Richmond and will be \$17.50 a plate.

The ministry also announces that its Rural Health Care Clinic is now open. The clinic services everyone without insurance or financial means and medicare and medicare cards are accepted.

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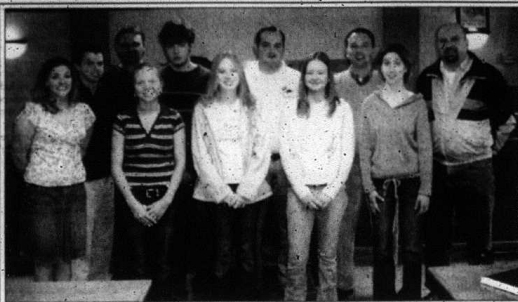
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Members of the Young Republican Club took several positions in the party during the Convention last Saturday. Members of the club in the photo are, front row, from left: Erika Kirby, Jessica Lunford, Ashley Cottrell, Heather Richards and Brandy Thomas. Back row: Travis Barton, Young Republican Chairman, Fiscal Court Magistrate William Denny; Jackson Bray, Matt Bryant, John Ford and County Attorney Bill Reynolds.



Almonza McCallum, second from left, handed over the reins of the Republican Party chairmanship, after more than 24 years, to John Ford, far left. Also in the photo are, Brenda McKnight, secretary, Juanita Witt, secretary-treasurer of the party for more than 20 years; Juanita Davis, re-elected co-chairman of the party and Janet Vaughn, treasurer.



This 2002 Hyundai Accent (with an estimated value of \$10,000) is being raffled off by Project Graduation 2004 committee. The car is 5-speed with 19,800 miles, tax and license will be paid and a three month limited warranty provided. The automobile was provided in main part by Hamm's Auto Sales. Tickets are \$5 each and may be purchased from any Project Graduation parent. The winning ticket will be drawn in mid-May.

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**CRIT LUAllen**  
 Auditor of Public Accounts

The Commonwealth of Kentucky's Office of the Auditor of Public Accounts announces the completion of the financial audit of the former Rockcastle County Sheriff for the period January 1, 2002 through January 5, 2003. The following information was prepared, on behalf of the Office of the Auditor of Public Accounts, by the firm of Ross & Company, PLLC, Certified Public Accountants. The Office of the Auditor of Public Accounts engaged Ross & Company, PLLC to perform the financial audit of the former Rockcastle County Sheriff for the period January 1, 2002 through January 5, 2003 and worked closely with Ross & Company, PLLC during our report review process.

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 Honorable Dazzy Carlisle, Rockcastle County Judge/Executive  
 Honorable Sharyl Smith, Former Rockcastle County Sheriff  
 Honorable David Dean, Rockcastle County Sheriff  
 Members of the Rockcastle County Fiscal Court

**Independent Auditor's Report**  
 We have audited the accompanying statement of receipts, disbursements, and excess fees of the former County Sheriff by Rockcastle County, Kentucky, for the period January 1, 2002 through January 5, 2003. The financial statements are the responsibility of the County Sheriff. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the financial statements based on our audit.  
 We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, the standards applicable to financial audits contained in Government Auditing Standards issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, and the Audit Guide for County Elected Officials issued by the Auditor of Public Accounts, Commonwealth of Kentucky. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.  
 As described in Note 1, the County Sheriff's office prepares the financial statement on a pro forma basis of accounting that demonstrates compliance with the modified cash basis and laws of Kentucky, which is a comprehensive basis of accounting other than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.  
 In our opinion the financial statement referred to above presents fairly, in all material respects, the receipts, disbursements, and excess fees of the former County Sheriff for the period January 1, 2002 through January 5, 2003, in conformity with the modified cash basis of accounting.  
 In accordance with Government Auditing Standards, we have also issued a report dated November 11, 2003, on our consideration of the former County Sheriff's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grants. That report is an integral part of our audit performed in accordance with Government Auditing Standards and should be read in conjunction with this report in considering the results of our audit.  
 Based on the results of our audit, we have presented the accompanying comments and recommendations, included herein, which discuss the following report comments:  
 • The Former Sheriff Should Have Closed His Fee Account By Collecting All Receivables And Paying All Liabilities Owed  
 • The Former Sheriff Should Have Required Depository Institutions To Provide On Provider Inflation-Adjusted To Protect Deposits  
 • The Former Sheriff Should Have Withheld Retention From The Kentucky Law Enforcement Foundation Program Fund Proceeds Paid To Depositors  
 • The Former Sheriff Should Have Maintained Accurate Records and Good Bookkeeping Practices  
 • The Former Sheriff's Office Lacked Adequate Segregation of Duties

Respectfully submitted,  
  
 Crit LuAllen  
 Ross & Company, PLLC

Audit fieldwork completed - November 11, 2003

This above information letter accompanied the audit report presented in the fiscal court. KRS 43.090(2) requires that this letter be published in this newspaper. Copies of the complete audit report, including the accompanying financial statements and additional information, are available in the reports section of the Auditor of Public Accounts' website at [www.auditor.ky.gov](http://www.auditor.ky.gov) or upon request by contacting the Auditor of Public Accounts, 105 Sun View Road, Suite 2, Frankfort, KY 40601 or by calling 1-800-347-9126.

# In Loving Memories



When our friends commented on his long and terrible battle, especially his inability to swallow food, he would always respond "Yes, but I've got my life and I don't want to leave Pauline."

Then, one day, God released his brave and vital spirit from his tortured body and set him free and went again in that "Land where death comes not," and welcomed him into the "Joy of the Lord."

I Love and Miss you,  
Your wife, Pauline

## In Loving Memory of Frank Pensol

It hardly seems possible that Frank Pensol, my husband, my best friend and a vital part of my life for 33 years, has been gone since March 26, 2003 -- one year.

His passing has left a terrible void in my life which is rapidly filling with a legacy of beautiful memories.

During our years together, we were inseparable except for those hours when we were about our daily jobs.

The years of his battle with cancer, I quit my hairdresser job and sold my car's life.

## Cards of Thanks

Louise Carter

The family of Louise Carter wishes to express their appreciation for all the prayers, kind words and food during the illness and death of our mother.

Thanks to Dr. Saylor, the nurses and the Home Health nurses of the Rockcastle Co. Respiratory Care Center for their caring attitude.

We send a special thanks to Jackie and Gordon Bullock of Kastle Inn Restaurant, to Bro. Eddie Nation and the Deacons of First Baptist, to Karen King for her sweet idea of the \$5 gift board at the funeral for Ashlee's House. \$339 was donated. Thanks also to those who donated to the building fund of First Baptist. Mother would have been pleased.

Thank you again,  
Jerry, Larry and  
Claretha Carter (Hodges)



## In Loving Memory of Edgar Adams

on his 72nd birthday March 26

To we do not need a special day

To bring you to our minds

The days we do not think of you are very hard to find.

Each morning when I wake, we know that you are gone,

and no one knows the heartache as we try to carry on.

Our hearts still ache with sadness and sweet tears still flow.

What it meant to lose you, no one will ever know.

Our thoughts are always with you, your place no one can fill.

In life, we loved you dearly; in death we love you still.

There will always be a heartache, and often a silent tear.

But always a precious memory of the days when you were here.

If tears would make a staircase, and heartaches make a lane,

We'd walk the path to heaven and bring you home again.

We hold you close within our hearts

and there you will remain. To walk with us throughout our lives, until we meet again. Our father's chain is broken now and nothing seems the same! But as God calls us one by one, the chain will link again.

We miss you terribly,  
Wife, Gladys; daughter, Brenda;  
grandsons, Rob, Tim and Jason  
and wife

## In Memory of Mary Edna Culton

Who passed away one year ago, March 18, 2004.

God said, "Come home, my child. Your work on earth is done." She is at home with Jesus. So safe - no more needing our prayers.

Oh, blessed the thoughts of the meeting once more. Beyond all sorrow and pain. Where nothing is wrong on the Heavenly shore.

And we'll all be together again Some sweet day.

Loved and missed by all her family and friends

## "Points East"

(Cont. from A2)

elm board and let it burn down in it. It would burn a hole exactly the size of a nickel, and the buffalo or Indian head would be imbedded in the wood.

Pour in melted lead and presto you had a nickel coin (also known as a plug nickel or a lead nickel) that required less than half a penny's worth of lead to produce. (You attached a red nickel to a hammer handle and stamped the other side of your plug before the lead completely hardened and, presto, you had a reasonable likeness of the real thing.)

I've actually gotten run out of a store when I was a small kid because I was trying to trade with a plug nickel. I didn't know the difference -- it was all a matter of weight -- but I'd been suckered into taking it into the store to trade while two older guys were making side bets behind my back as to whether or not the clerk would be fooled.

When vending machines and juke boxes first became popular in the fifties, people stopped bothering with stamping the back side and actually

started making plug quarters. It wasn't worth the time involved to fool with making a nickel. But by then, laws with stiff penalties had been passed and except for a few mischievous boys, most folks didn't want to risk getting a prison term for passing a fake quarter to hear-ten songs on a juke box.

Last night I saw a plug/lead nickel sell on Ebay for nearly a hundred dollars. Wish I'd hung on to some of mine and I bet a bunch of storeowners in Lecher County feel the same way.

## "TJ's Journal"

(Cont. from A2)

Now, I'll elaborate on one of these experiences. I often mention my husband, Stanley, but in this case I'll tell you of my first husband, Sam. He was born and raised just outside of Boston. I met him while in college. Some people like to collect coins or stamps, or even rebuilt old classic cars as a hobby. He enjoyed fine dining. Quite frequently on Saturday night, he took me to some of the most elaborate, expensive, and notable restaurants and clubs in Boston and New York, and surrounding areas. An average night on the town was at least a hundred or one hundred and fifty dollars which didn't include a tip to the waiter of about fifty dollars. We were always seated upon arrival and I didn't even have "celebrity status," as one reader sarcastically noted. Sam had the foresight to make RESERVATIONS, which was required, as was a suit and tie. This was in the late 1970s. Also, in the same

response, I realize that forty dollars (actually the tab was sixty-ish) is not too extravagant for a meal in a better restaurant. This reader evidently has missed the point, as I was merely pointing out how things have changed through the decades, including prices. I, as well as many others, can remember when sixty dollars was close to a week's salary.

We here in Rockcastle County realize that we live in a "one-horse" town, but according to popular opinion, we like the way we live, like the way our government is run, are thankful to even have a weekly paper, don't point fingers at others' shortcomings, and are even a lot more intelligent than one might think. We don't, for the most part, give a "flyin' flip" as to how other towns are run, except for any input obtained by the local Renaissance Committee, who are genuinely trying to improve the quality of the area at the local level. Most of us even have a life. We might just have one horse, but it's ours, and serves our purposes.

Once a colleague told me I had a lot of tact. He defined tact as having the ability to "tell people where they could go," and have them believe they could enjoy the trip. Since then, I have become more mellow and meek. So, I'll forgo the phrase, "Bon Voyage."

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'95 Ford Escort Wagon, <b>1.8L, 17K, 17K</b>	\$3,500
'95 Dodge Ram, <b>2500 Van, 5.9L, 4x4, 17K, 17K, 17K</b>	\$5,995
'95 Ford Explorer, <b>4.0L, 4x4, Loaded</b>	<b>SOLD</b> \$4,500
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'93 Honda Civic, <b>1.8L, 17K, 17K</b>	\$1,000
'92 Chevy Blazer, <b>4.3L, 4x4, 17K</b>	\$1,995
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Rockcastle County is one of 38 counties in the state that does not have a new car dealership located within the county.

As a result, new car buyers from the county must request that the dealer license the vehicle in Rockcastle. This gives the county clerk a 3% collection fee which helps to pay the expenses of the office without the fiscal court having to subsidize the operation.

Rockcastle County Clerk Norma Houk told the fiscal court at their March meeting that receipts in her office were down over \$30,000 from the same period last year and, said Monday of this week, that she would have to lay-off at least one employee if there was not a turn-around in receipts.

A bill that would have required car dealers to license vehicles in the county in which the purchaser lives, was not voted out of committee last week, primarily because of Don Blevins; Fayette County Clerk speaking against the bill.

"Unless the customer specifically requests licensing in Rockcastle County," Houk said, "the dealer will license the vehicle in the dealer's county." That county then gets the 3% collection fee. Houk said, at times, the dealer will go ahead and license it in the county of purchase and, if this happens, she advises that the purchaser notify her office. She will, in turn, notify the State Transportation Cabinet whose assistant director has stated that he will back the transaction out and then the vehicle can be licensed in Rockcastle County.

### Cemetery Notices

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

Anyone interested in bidding on this job, please send your bid, with

your name, address and phone number, to: Olenia Remser, 3026 Oxala Rd., Somerset, Ky. 42505 or call 606-379-0312 by March 28, 2004.

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

### "Learn to 'Read' the clouds

If you want to learn how to "read" the clouds, teach your children how to understand the dangers of changing weather patterns or protect your family from the hazards of severe weather, this presentation is for you.

The National Weather Service will be providing a Storm Spotting and Weather Safety Presentation at Rockcastle County Middle School on Thursday, April 22 at 7 p.m. The presentation is free and everyone is invited to attend.

### Classified deadline is Noon Tuesday

## Ky. House votes down bill to ban gay marriages

Defying hundreds of noisy protesters in Kentucky's Capitol, House Democrats, Tuesday, stopped a proposed state constitutional amendment to ban same-sex marriage and civil unions.

Many of the protesters were from Rockcastle County.

Senate Bill 245 failed, by one vote, to win approval in a hastily called House committee meeting in a cramped room off the House floor, with little debate and no public comment.

State Representative Danny Ford of Mt. Vernon, a former Majority Floor leader and a member of the house for 23 years was outraged about the final vote.

Furious House Republicans cried foul and tried to revive it, without success / followed by several hours of rallies by religious and conservative protesters against same-sex marriage.

Many of them had driven to Frankfort from around the state.

They massed on the Capitol's front steps, where Gov. Ernie Fletcher praised them for defending "civilized society" built upon the institution of family in which marriage is defined as a union between one man and one woman.

Later, the protesters moved inside and flanked the marble stairway leading to the House chamber.

House members identified as opposed to the bill were jeered as they climbed the stairs.

Those who stopped to speak in favor of the bill, blasted court decisions in other states to permit same-sex marriages or civil unions, were cheered and applauded.

"Let our people go free from liberal judges," Rep. Lonnie Napier, a Republican from Lancaster, shouted the roaring crowd.

Some people waved Bibles and

shouted back, "Amen."

A small airplane circled above the Capitol, dragging a banner which read: "One Man-One Woman."

Representative Ford said, now Minority House Leader Jeff Hoover of Russell Springs, had a lengthy debate with Democrat Speaker of the House Jody Richards over parliamentary procedure.

Ford and Hoover tried to revive the bill by calling Richard's discharge petition anyway.

With a 2-1 majority in the House, Democrats won out. Speaker Pro-Tem Larry Clark followed Richard's lead, after taking the podium, siding with Richards.

"The fight is not over yet," Ford said Wednesday.

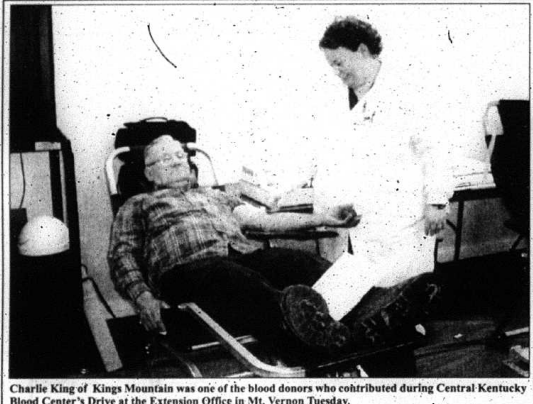
Even without the amendment, same-sex marriage is illegal in Kentucky.

The legislature passed a state law in 1998 defining marriage as between one man and one woman.

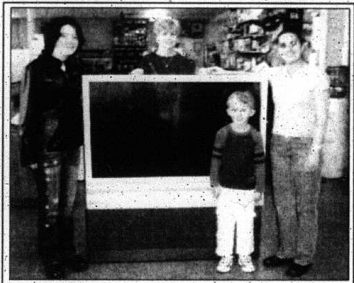
If the amendment had passed the House it would have been placed on November's ballot.

"That is all we want, is to give the people of Kentucky the right to voice their opinion and we all know in a Democratic society, the majority rules," Ford said.

(Editor's Note) A portion of this story was taken from the Lexington Herald-Leader.



Charlie King of Kings Mountain was one of the blood donors who contributed during Central Kentucky Blood Center's Drive at the Extension Office in Mt. Vernon Tuesday.



Kelsey Slemp, far left, a freshman at RCHS, was the winner of the 52<sup>nd</sup> RCA TV raffled off by Project Graduation 2004. The drawing was held Saturday at Project Graduation's basketball tournament at Brodhead which was won by Northside Red. Also in the photo are the youngest employee at Appliance Service Center - Roy Scott Winstead, Faith Spires who sold Kelsey the winning ticket and Laverne Winstead, center.

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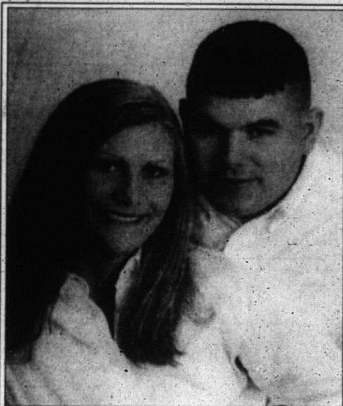
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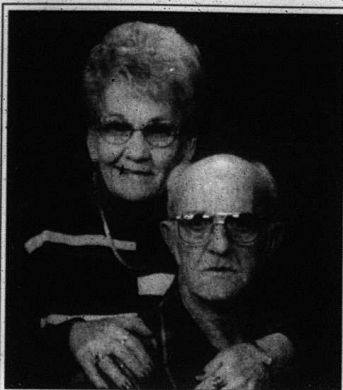
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Thursday, March 25, 2004



## Mink - Rush

Mr. and Mrs. James W. Mink of Mt. Vernon are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter Ashley LaCole to Joseph McKinley Rush. Joseph is the son of Marshall M. Rush, wife Carol, of East Bernstadt and Wilma Jean Fyfe, husband Bob, of London, Ky. Ashley is a graduate of Rockcastle County High School and is currently enrolled as a full-time student at Sullivan University in Lexington. Joseph is a graduate of North Laurel High School and is currently employed by the Rockcastle Sheriff's Department. An October wedding is being planned.



## 50th Wedding Anniversary

Gilbert and Emma J. Mink, of the Ponga area, will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary Saturday, March 27. The couple wed in the home of Minister W.T. Stephens near the old Blue Springs School House in the presence of Wilhene Hall Smith and Bernard Norton. The couple has seven children, 18 grandchildren and eight great grandchildren. *Happy Anniversary Mom and Dad - Grandma and Grandpa. We love you.*



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Sakes Alive! I'm 95!  
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Because my hair is snowy white  
And once was black as coal.  
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As I think it was before.  
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Sallie Hale celebrated her 95th birthday on 1-1-2004.  
We wish you many more birthdays with us Mom.  
Elmer, Bob, Linda and all the family.



## 93rd Birthday Celebration

Ms. Ruby Wolfe, of Wildie, celebrated her 93rd birthday at home with friends and family on February 27th. She would like to thank everyone for their visits, cards and gifts.



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# News from the Rockcastle County Courthouse

## Circuit Civil Suits

The Huntington National Bank vs. William Dewey, \$7,631.90 plus claimed due. CI-00092.  
Jeffrey Debord vs. Deborah Debord, petition for dissolution of marriage. CI-00093.  
Citizens Bank vs. James D. Payne, et al, monies claimed due. CI-00094.  
Hudson & Keyse, LLC vs. Billy W. McFerron, \$4,793.85 plus claimed due. CI-00095.  
Eugene C. Taylor vs. Linda Sue Taylor, petition for dissolution of marriage. CI-00096.  
D.A.N. Joint Venture III, L.P. vs. Judy Bradley, \$5,253.35 plus claimed due. CI-00097.  
Beneficial Kentucky, Inc. vs. James Lile, et al, \$35,256.84 plus claimed due. CI-00098.

## District Civil Suits

Berea National Bank vs. Phillip Spoonamore, \$1,533.23 plus claimed due. C-00029.

## Deeds Recorded

Brandon Lee Bullock, real property located in Rockcastle County to Johnny Lee Bullock, Jr. and Carolyn Jean Bullock. Tax \$3.00.  
Lewis and Effie L. Inville, contract for real property located on Flat Gap Rd., to Bobby and Rosie Callahan. Tax \$10.00.  
Larry and Barbara Cunagin, real property located in Rockcastle County to Justin Genico and Charles Keith. Tax \$18.00.  
Beatrice E. Barnett, real property located on Crooked Creek, to James A. Cornelius. Tax \$13.00.

Paul and Mary Lou Bullock, real property located in Rockcastle County, to Tim Deborde. Tax \$45.00.  
Howell Harold Holbrook, Jr. and Lena Gail Holbrook, real property located in Brookfield, to Mark and Teresa Lunsford. Tax \$16.00.  
Billy Joe and Lavenia Campbell, real property located in Rockcastle County, to Eaven H. Campbell. No tax.  
Billy Joe and Kelly Prewitt, real property located in Rockcastle County, to Stoney and Sheila McGuire. Tax \$10.00.

Elizabeth Hunt, real property located in Rockcastle County, to Maurice E. and Piroksa Hunt. No tax.  
Karen M. and Scott Johnson and Eric Moore, real property located on Hwy. 150, to Karen M. and Scott Johnson. Tax \$2.50.  
Martha Manning, Master Commissioner deed for real property located in Fock Sons Subdiv., to Marvin and Darlene Mink. Tax \$49.00.  
Garlan and Barbara DeHorne, real property located at Level Green, to William H. and Donna C. Asher. Tax \$35.00.

## Marriage Licenses

Angela Rose McKinney, 18, Rt. 1, Mt. Vernon, student, to Jonathan Wayne Taylor, 18, Rt. 1, Mt. Vernon, saw mill. 3/19/04.  
Aryel Davin Dillingham, 19, Crab Orchard, CNA, to Jonathan Grant Osborne, 25, Rt. 1, Mt. Vernon, laborer. 3/18/04.

## District Court

Hon. Michael L. Henry  
March 15, 2004  
Charles Allen: Speeding, \$60 fine and costs; Failure to wear seatbelt, \$25 fine; Failure to produce insurance card, \$50 fine.

David C. Banks: Defective equipment, \$25 fine and costs; Failure to wear seatbelt, \$25 fine.  
Michael Jais Douglas: Speeding and other charges, license suspended for failure to appear.  
Matthew W. Brooks: Criminal trespass, \$100 fine and costs plus 60 days in jail conditionally discharged two years.  
Bobby J. Byrd: Operating motor vehicle under influence alcohol/drugs, \$200 fine and costs; \$250 service fee, 30 day operator license suspension; Carrying concealed deadly weapon, dismissed on forfeiture of firearms.

Stephanie Denny: Fines/fees due (\$240.50), bench warrant issued for failure to appear/payment or 10 days in jail.  
William Estep: Speeding, \$64 fine and costs; No insurance, \$500 fine/suspend \$450 on proof; No expired Ky. Registration Receipt, \$25 fine.  
Siefanie Fendly: No Expired Registration Plates or Receipt, license suspended for failure to appear.  
Thomas B. Gray: Speeding, paid fines and costs.  
James K. Heatherly, Jr.: Speeding, \$36 fine and costs.  
Kenneth L. Jackson: No expired registration plates, \$25 fine and costs; no expired registration receipt, \$25 fine; No insurance, \$500 fine.

Chris S. Jones: No expired registration plates, \$25 fine and costs; no expired Kentucky registration receipt, \$25 fine.  
Phillip G. Lark: No license in possession, \$50 fine and costs; Failure to produce insurance card, \$50 fine; Failure to wear seatbelt, \$25 fine; Rear license not illuminated, \$25 fine.  
Brenda L. Lucero: Speeding and other charges, license suspended for failure to appear.  
Dean E. Mardis: Speeding and failure to produce insurance card, license suspended for failure to appear.  
Willette D. May: Speeding, and other charges, license suspended for failure to appear.  
Brandon B. Medley: Speeding and failure to produce insurance card, license suspended for failure to appear.  
Charles A. Palmer: Found guilty in absence of non-payment of fines (\$163.50), 7 days in jail or payment.  
William A. Rhoads: Speeding, paid.  
Edward Rice: Fines/fees due (6 charges), found guilty of contempt in absence, 74 days in jail or payment.  
Scott R. Ross: Speeding, and other charges, license suspended for failure to appear.  
Julien C. Smith, III: Speeding and

failure to produce insurance card, license suspended for failure to appear.  
Timothy P. Tyston: Fines/fees due (\$315.00), found guilty in absence, 12 days in jail or payment.  
James E. Williams: Fines/fees due (\$60.50), found guilty of contempt in absence, 2 days in jail or payment.  
Justin Cody Witt: Fines/fees due (\$268.50), found guilty in absence, 10 days in jail or payment.  
Richard Baker: Speeding, license suspended for failure to appear.  
Tashel S. Barton: Speeding, and other charges, license suspended for failure to appear.  
Jarold L. Benson: Speeding, paid.  
Derrick D. Bishop: Alcohol intoxication in public place, \$50 and costs.  
Joseph T. Christian: Speeding, \$36 fine and costs.  
Earl D. Clontz: Speeding and failure to wear seatbelt, license suspended for failure to appear.  
Walter F. Crosby: Speeding, paid \$120 fine and costs.  
Oscar B. Debosky: Speeding, \$36 fine and costs.  
Mary Jan Drabik: Speeding, paid.  
Lauren H. Earles: Speeding, \$36 fine and costs.  
Jimmy A. Eller: Defective equipment, \$25 fine and costs.  
Xavier D. Ellis: Speeding, license suspended for failure to appear.  
Rachel R. Fields: Speeding, paid \$60 plus costs.  
Sharon A. Gaiser: Speeding, paid \$60 plus costs.  
Gerald R. Gambrel: Speeding, license suspended for failure to appear.  
James A. Harl: Speeding, \$36 fine and costs.  
Meredith L. Howell: Speeding, paid \$60 plus costs.  
Stephen D. Jones: Speeding and no expired Ky. registration receipt, license suspended for failure to appear.  
Frank E. Lewis: Alcohol intoxication, \$50 fine and costs.  
David K. Long: Speeding, paid \$60 plus costs.  
Meredith L. Mallgren: Speeding, license suspended for failure to appear.  
Jacqueline L. McCor: Speeding, license suspended for failure to appear.  
Leroy McDaniel, Jr.: speeding

and operating on suspended/revoked operators license, license suspended for failure to appear.  
Stanley M. Millman: Speeding, license suspended for failure to appear.  
Eric B. Parsons: Speeding, license suspended for failure to appear.  
Marilyn E. Pryor: Speeding, paid \$98, plus costs.  
Michael R. Reed: Speeding, paid \$40 plus costs.  
Heather N. Stone: Speeding, state traffic school authorized on grant of costs only.  
Alexandra Telic: Speeding, Grant S. Thomas, Speeding, Johnny R. Vaughn, Speeding, all licenses suspended for failure to appear.  
Frederick B. Williams: Speeding, and other charges, license suspended for failure to appear.  
Rodney Wayne Owens: Operating on suspended/revoked operators license, \$100 fine plus costs and 30 days in jail or credit 7 days time served/balance conditionally discharged two years; Failure to use seatbelts, \$25 fine.  
David A. Spoonamore: Public intoxication, \$50 fine and costs; Possession of controlled substance, \$100 fine plus 120 days in jail to serve 30 balance conditionally discharged two years; Use/Possession drug paraphernalia, \$100 fine and 120 days/concurrent same as above.

March 17, 2004  
John D. Avera: Speeding, \$60 fine plus costs.  
Aaron L. Blackburn: Public intoxication, 5 days in jail/concurrent credit time served.  
Christopher Brown: Fines/fees due (\$275.50), found guilty of contempt in absence, 11 days or payment.  
Melvin B. Cox: Speeding and failure to produce insurance card, license suspended for failure to appear.  
Charles F. Delf: Fines/fees due (\$210.50), found guilty of contempt in absence, 8 days or payment.  
Samantha Jayne Dillingham: Speeding, \$60 fine and costs/state traffic school authorized/fine suspended.  
Michael D. Doan: Fines/fees due (3 counts), found guilty of contempt in absence 17 days in jail or payment.  
Holly D. Havard: Speeding and other charges, license suspended for failure to appear.  
Shane Lee Jackson: Fines/fees due (\$240.50), found in contempt in absence 10 days or payment.  
Speeding: Nathaniel L. Jolly, paid \$160.50 total fine and costs; Edward K. Atkinson: License suspended for failure to appear; Amy Y. Bronski: license suspended for failure to appear; Frank L. Fain (amended to defective equipment), \$25 fine plus costs/fine suspended; Jill V. Fechtig: license suspended for failure to appear; William J. Haner, Jr., paid; Matthew A. Jahn: license suspended for failure to appear; Patrick J. Moody: license suspended for failure to appear; Emily A. Quire, paid \$60

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# What you should know about colon cancer prevention

By Dr. Charles Dwyer  
*Chamberland Gastroenterology*  
 Colon cancer is the most common cancer after skin cancer. It is the most common internal cancer. In women it is second in frequency to breast cancer.

The average person's lifetime risk of developing colon cancer is about 6% or 1 in 17. Fortunately it is completely and uniquely preventable. A decade long growth period as a benign polyp (a growth that is not yet a cancer) allows us to prevent the development of a colon cancer by simply looking for polyps and removing them.

The phrase "colorectal polyp screening" would be a better one to use than the traditional phrase "colorectal cancer screening." The goal is to screen the colon for polyps and remove them thus preventing colon cancer. The primary goal is not to find a cancer, though finding a cancer at an earlier stage will increase the chances of curing the disease with surgery.

What is a polyp?  
 Colon cancer begins as a benign growth (a growth that is not a cancer) called a "polyp." A Polyp typically grows slowly over about a 10-year period, becoming 1-3 centimeters in size (1/2" to 1 1/2") before it develops into a cancer. Cancer cells develop on the surface of a polyp typically only after it has become large. The cancer invades into the polyp and then into the wall of the colon. The cancer cells also get into the blood and are carried to the liver, the lungs, bone and other sites.

What are the symptoms of a polyp?

It is extremely important to emphasize that if you develop a colon polyp it is unlikely that you will have symptoms. For years there will be no warning that a polyp is growing or that it has turned into a cancer. By the time you develop a problem that might alert you or your physician to the possibility of a colon cancer, the cancer will be big and may have spread too far to remove it even with surgery.

How are polyps found?

Polyps are found by screening the colon. The best way to accomplish this is with an endoscope. This endoscope allows the transmission of video images onto a television screen and the surface of the colon is carefully inspected for polyps. Any polyps that are seen can be easily and safely removed.

Removal of the polyps prevents them from developing into a colon cancer.

When should I get my colon screened for polyps?

The incidence of colon cancer increases with age. It is uncommon before the age of 50. The recommendation is that everyone should have their colon checked for polyps with an endoscope at age 50 years and then undergo a repeat examination every 5 to 10 years. Ideally this should be done every 5 years.

Anyone who has a first degree relative (parent, brother or sister) with colon cancer or colon polyps will be at an increased risk of devel-

oping colon cancer and any polyps they develop may turn into a cancer more quickly. Their risk of developing colon cancer may be 1 in 10 or greater, about twice the risk of those without such a family history. Depending upon such factors as how old the relative was, how many relatives are affected, which relatives are affected and what other types of cancer run in the family, the recommended time for the first colonoscopy will change to an earlier age. The first screening examination may begin at 40 years of age or younger, with an interval between examinations of 1-2 years or 3-5 years.

How is the Screening conducted?  
 With adequate sedation the examination of the colon with an endoscope will be painless. Certainly my goal is for the patient to remember nothing about the procedure and to wake up as soon as it has been completed wondering when it is going to start!

To clean the colon so that the entire surface is well seen requires a "bowel prep" to be drunk the night before the examination. This is easier than it used to be.

Are There Alternatives to a Colonoscopy?

Stool specimens can be tested for a trace of blood not visible to the naked eye; a barium enema X-ray can image the colon; and a short endoscope can look at the last third of the colon. None of these tests are as good as a colonoscopy at looking for polyps and removing them.

There is a new technology being advertised called "virtual colonoscopy." The technology currently available is not yet as good as a well-performed examination with an endoscope. The virtual colonoscopy is a CT scan of the abdomen with computer software creating a three-dimensional image of the colon. You lie on a special table while an X-ray machine takes pictures of your abdomen and colon. A similar bowel preparation has to be

taken to clean out the colon. The examination is uncomfortable and you are not sedated. If a polyp is seen you typically have to schedule a colonoscopy another day, following another bowel preparation, to remove the polyp. The examination is also not covered by insurance plans.

Goals of the American Cancer Society: Colon polyp and cancer screening rates are well below those of mammography for breast cancer. Only a small percentage of people complete appropriate colon polyp screening for cancer prevention.

The American Cancer Society objectives for colorectal cancer are:

1. By the year 2005, 75% of people will be aware of colon polyp and colorectal cancer screening and

30% will have been screened.

2. By the year 2015 there will be a 30% decrease in the incidence of colorectal cancer and a 50% decrease in number of deaths.

These are the important points to understand and remember:

1. Colon cancer is the most common cancer.
2. Colon cancer is uniquely and completely preventable because it begins as a small, benign growth called a polyp that takes 10 years to grow into a large polyp before it turns into a cancer. These benign polyps have a easy to find and remove with a colonoscopy thereby preventing colon cancer.
3. Do not wait until you notice a problem before having your colon

checked. By then you may have already developed a large cancer.

4. Everyone should have their entire colon checked for polyps at least at the age of 50 years with a repeat exam every 5 to 10 years.

5. If you have a parent or sibling with colon cancer or a colon polyp your risk of developing colon cancer is doubled and your colon polyp screening may need to start earlier and be more frequent.

6. If you have concerns or questions do not hesitate to contact your primary care physician.  
 March is National Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month. My hope is that this brief article will give you a better understanding of colorectal cancer and thus save lives.

## CATHOLIC HEALTH INITIATIVES

### Berea Hospital

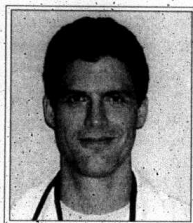
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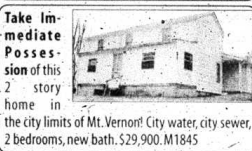
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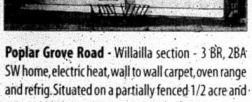
**Freedom School Road** - Feature packed 3 bedroom, 2 bath doublewide, electric heat, central air, some appliances. Nice lot, 4 car garage. \$62,900. M1664



**Take Immediate Possession** of this 2 story home in the city limits of Mt. Vernon! City water, city sewer, 2 bedrooms, new bath. \$29,900. M1845



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



**Poplar Grove Road** - Willilka section - 3 BR, 2BA SW home, electric heat, wall to wall carpet, oven range and refrig. Situated on a partially fenced 1/2 acre and asking \$31,900. Make an offer today! M1839

**LAND**  
**Chestnut Ridge Section** - 157 Acres m/1 Wooded Lot - Some Calf - Beautiful Trees - Scenic Views - \$89,900. M1269  
**Hwy. 461 - Wabod Section.** 5.6 Acres - city water available. \$39,900. M1804  
**Hwy. 461 - Rockcastle/Pulaski Line.** 5.81 acre tract just off Hwy. 461 - \$15,500. M1813

**Orlando Section** - 89 Acres m/1 - just off Maple Grove Road. \$50,000. M1810  
**Just Listed! Rainbow Ridge - off Hwy. 461.** Lot #11 - Green Meadow Lane - 847100 Acres - City water available. \$5,900. M1828

**LOTS**  
**Hwy. 461 - Pulaski County.** Easy access to Somerset - Lake Emburyland and I-75. Spacious Lots - Restricted - City Water - Paved Streets - \$11,900/each. M1863  
**Rainbow Ridge - off Hwy. 461.** Lot #60 - Silver Mist Corner - 591700 Acres. City water available. \$12,900. M1855

**Ottawa Section** 1 Acre m/1 - Lakeside Gentry Road. Restricted - city water available. \$9,000. M1814  
**Countyside Estates** 5 Restricted Lots - 170x170 each. City water. \$7,900 each. M1810  
**2 Acres m/1 w/ city water** - Located on Cove Branch Road in the Bur section, just outside Mt. Vernon. \$17,900. M1846



**Reduced! Pine Hill Section** - 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, private. Now only \$30,000. Serious owner says make offer! M1739



**REDUCED! Double Value!** 3 bedrooms, 1 1/2 bath brick home w/ electric heat! Two metal storage buildings w/20 rental units. Old Somerset Road, Mt. Vernon. Reduced to \$159,000 - 1764



**SALE PENDING! Between Mt. Vernon and Berea** - 8 acres w/ garage and doublewide featuring 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, utility, electric heat, central air, some appliances. M1841

### FUTURE AUCTIONS

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

**Absolute Auction of Trilex, Inc. Trucks - Vans - Trailers - Office Equipment**  
 Fri, April 2, 2004 - 10:30 a.m. - South Main St., Corbin

**Absolute Auction of Mrs. Ann Day's 3 Houses, 2 Acres m/1 & Personal Property**  
 Sat, Apr. 3, 2004 - 10:30 a.m. - Scarfield Cane Rd., Berea

**Absolute Auction of Mrs. Ann Day's 3 Houses, 2 Acres m/1 & Personal Property**  
 Sat, Apr. 3, 2004 - 10:30 a.m. - Scarfield Cane Rd., Berea

**Absolute Auction of M/M Edward Brock's Tools - Furniture - Personal Property**  
 Fri, April 10, 2004 at 10 a.m.  
 Brindle Ridge Section of Rockcastle County, Ky

**Absolute Auction of M/M Jeff Ruckel's House and 94 Acre Farm m/1 in Tracts**  
 Sat, Apr. 10, 2004 at 10:30 - 8214 Hwy. 328 W. Eubank, Ky

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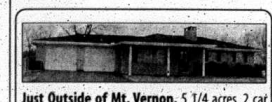
visit us at [www.fordbrothersinc.com](http://www.fordbrothersinc.com)



**REDUCED! Potential - 215 Williams Street!** Extra nice lot w/ frontage on Hamlin & Williams Streets. Improved with older home - city water/sewer. Reduced to \$45,000. M1645



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



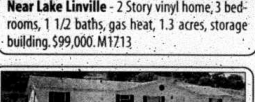
**Just Outside of Mt. Vernon.** 5 1/4 acres, 2 car garage; 2 bedroom Bedford stone home w/ fireplace; central air, some appliances. Picnic shelter w/ privacy fence \$78,900. M1842



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



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



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

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### COMMERCIAL PROPERTY



**REDUCED! Hwy. 461 - Mt. Vernon** - Established Gas/Grocery business - brick building - 2880 sq. ft. 1 1/2 acres. All grocery hardware, inventory, equipment, U haul rental contract included. Now reduced to \$249,000. M1791

**Near I-75 - Renfro Valley.** 26 Acres - Strategically located commercial property. City water/sewer available. M1426  
**U.S. Hwy. 25 - Across from Weedy's** - 7.83 acres by survey. City water/sewer available. \$39,000. M1683  
**Near I-75 - Mt. Vernon.** New I-75 Speedway 6.5 acres m/1 - 3/8 mile banked asphalt track. Contestion area, restrooms, lots of seating.





# Farmers Market

Agriculture and Natural Resources

**Tom Mills**  
Rockcastle County Extension Office

Rockcastle County vegetable farmers that would like to participate in the local Farmers Market are invited to an organizational meeting on Tuesday, March 30, 10:30 am at the Rockcastle Extension Office.

Noah Campbell, President of the Farmers Market Association would like to invite interested producers to a production meeting. Dr. Terry Jones, University of Kentucky Extension Horticulture Specialist, will discuss the production of major vegetables grown for local markets. Tom Mills, County Extension Agent for

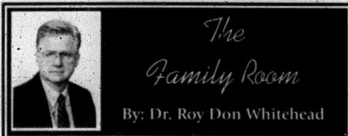
Agriculture, will discuss marketing guidelines and assist farmers in signing Department of Agriculture agreements necessary for WIC and Seniors Farmers Market coupons. The market is open to anyone interested and willing to follow established guidelines.

For more information, call Tom Mills at the Rockcastle Co. Extension Service at 256-2403.

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Lonnie Anglin at the 2003 Farmers Market.



By: Dr. Roy Don Whitehead

# Online internet auction fraud

Family and Consumer Sciences

**Hazel Jackson**  
Rockcastle County Extension Office

Last year some \$200 million lost to online fraud was reported to the Federal Trade Commission. And nearly half the 166,000 complaints the agency received last year were about online auctions, which was a 130 percent increase.

The signs of fraud are quite obvious. A fraudulent seller almost always asks for payment via Western Union and the seller usually offers to sell the item at a much lower price if the buyer agrees to leave the internet auction site to purchase the item.

One common ploy is to set up an auction under the identity of a

legitimate auction user who has received positive responses from buyers in the past. The warning signals go up as soon as he sees the seller's history and spots incongruities on the type of items being sold.

For a free copy of "Internet Auctions: A Guide for Buyers and Sellers," contact the Extension Office at 256-2403.

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Dare to Forgive is a new book by psychiatrist Edward Hallowell. In it he says,

"Forgiving someone is at least as beneficial for your health as wearing a seatbelt or taking vitamins or losing weight. Walking around with anger and resentment raises your blood pressure and heart rate. It reduces the potency of your immune system."

If it is so good for us, then why is forgiveness so hard? The answer is partly due to the way we look at forgiveness. We see it as "letting the offender off the hook." We see him or her to suffer as we have, and we are afraid that forgiving him means being too easy on him. It is ironic that not forgiving is harder on us than it is on the one we refuse to forgive.

In actuality we are hurting ourselves by not forgiving. "I won't forgive him until he asks for it." Most of us would like to see remorse in the person who hurt us. We want him to feel bad and ask us to forgive him. When this does not happen, we believe that "he does not deserve to be forgiven," so we withhold forgiveness, again hurting ourselves rather than the one who has wronged us.

"But I can't forget what she did to me," another told me. Of course we cannot totally put the incident out of our minds. Luckily, forgetting is not a prerequisite to forgiving. The old saying about "forgiving and forgetting" has confused us. Not forgetting can be very important if it keeps us from placing ourselves in a situation where that person can hurt us again. I may forgive someone for swindling me in a business deal, but if I remember what he has done to me, I will avoid business dealings with him in the future.

There is also the mistaken belief that "forgiveness means reestablishing the relationship." Abusive relationships are an example. When the

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# Yards to Paradise

by Max Phelps

"Waterfalls Without Ponds"

Transforming an ordinary house and lot into a genuine piece of paradise has been a focus of this column from the beginning. Waterfalls enthusiastically put a big exciting exclamation point on the story of how your yard changed from plain grass and hot and sunny -- to the most pristine naturalistic oasis in the neighborhood.

Waterfalls, streams, ponds -- this whole subject excites me. Creating these special features for folks all over the southeast has become both my vocation and avocation for several years now.

The thing that keeps coming up-I have heard it a lot--homeowners are concerned with problems with watergardens.

Whether real or imagined, worries and fears keep many a would-be waterfall owner from constructing that pond or contracting with someone to build them the waterfall they've imagined occupying that special spot in their landscape.

Worry one is maintenance. Basically, a well-designed water feature built from scratch with quality equipment will require less attention than an equal amount of lawn grass. But folks still hear horror stories and become intimidated when it comes to watergardens.

Another worry is soupy green ugly ponds. Again, with proper construction, I find this is an infrequent problem.

A third objection is the real or imagined huge clean out chore. With a surface skimmer installed, with gravels and lots of other filter media surface area for the good bacteria to colonize, both surface debris and organic nutrients and sludge are minimized. Some ponds I've seen go two years without a clean-out and you can still see the attractive stones and pebbles on the pond bottom. We are talking ecosystems, mimicking nature.

While it may be true plastic pre-formed tubs from Lowe's, Home Depot or your favorite garden centers will accumulate sludge and the water won't remain clear, worry-free ponds are indeed possible. (I can provide street addresses so the doubter can go by and look for themselves.)

The "big objection" may be expressed as a fear of a lawsuit. You know, what if a child fell into my pond?

Each of these can intimidate a would-be waterfall owner. Most ponds are no more than two feet deep and would be a drowning threat to only the very youngest little toddler. But it is possible to have your waterfall and have none of the above worry.

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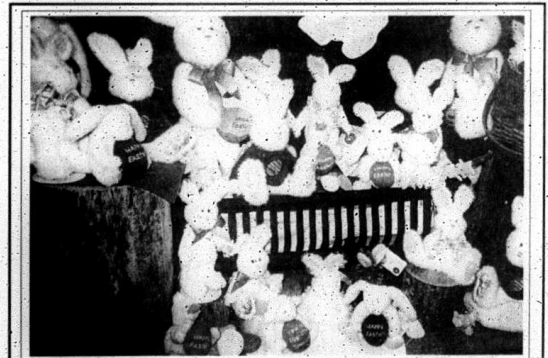
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# Absolute Auction

of Ms. Ann Day's  
**Two Houses and 2 Acres More or Less • Personal Property**  
**Saturday, April 3, 2004 at 10:30 a.m.**  
9919 Scaffold Cane Road - Berea, Kentucky

**Location:** Located one mile south of Berea College on SR 161 (Scaffold Cane Road). Auction signs are posted.

Ms. Ann Day has moved into an apartment and no longer has need for these properties. She has authorized our firm to offer this property and personal belongings for the absolute high dollar.

The property consists of two houses situated on approximately two acres more or less. The first house has vinyl siding with central heat and air, a well as gas hook-up and all city utilities. The living room fireplace mantle, dining back over 100 years, came from the Fair Side Chapel at Berea College. It also has a large kitchen/dining area with oak cabinetry, master bedroom has 1/2 bath and an adjoining kitchenette, two additional bedrooms, full bath and utility area. It also has front and side porches and a storage building.

The second house has living room and kitchen combination, two bedrooms and a full bath. It also has central heat and air, city water, sewer, gas, and Berea College electric.

**AUCTIONEERS NOTE:** Live in one and rent the other! You'll have instant income with this property located near Berea College! Be sure and mark your calendar now to attend this absolute auction on Saturday, April 3, 2004 at 10:30 a.m. You will also have the chance to purchase furnishings at your own price!

**PERSONAL PROPERTY TO BE SOLD INCLUDES:** Like new Side-by-Side w/ icemaker refrigerator • Freezer • two portable dishwashers • 2 gas stoves • electric range • Gas heating stove • dinette set w/ four matching chairs • various hand tools • tool chest • well pump • old boat motor • cast iron bell • fishing pole • Aluminum extension ladder • kid's swimming pool • grass sealer • Craftsman weed eater • Mantis tiller • old garden tiller • canning jars • Handmade woodswing • glider • wardrobe • 8 ft. table • plus various other items.

**Terms:** 20% down the day of the auction with the balance due on or before 30 days with deliver of the deed. Cash, check or major credit card in full day of the auction for the personal property.

**NOTE:** The purchaser of a single family residence, built before 1978, has a maximum of 10 days to inspect the property for the presence of lead base paint. The period for inspection begins March 24, 2004 through April 2, 2004. All bidders must sign a waiver of the 10 day post sale inspection period.

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For additional information or appointment to see the property contact Ford Brothers, Inc. Auctioneers & Realtors. Announcements day of the auction take precedence over printed material.

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# Eagle Echoes

What's happening in the classroom? Roundstone's 3rd grade students have been learning about simple machines. Some students created an example of a simple machine as a voluntary project.

Arts Night will be Friday, March 26 from 6 to 7:30 p.m. This will also be Family Preview Night for the Scholastic Book Fair, beginning at 5:30 and lasting until 8 p.m.

The Scholastic Book Fair will run March 29th through April 2nd from 7:45 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. daily. The theme is Scholastic Book Fair Treasure Hunt - Dig Up Great Books.

Read Across America was celebrated at Roundstone Elementary School recently. All primary students received a free book from RIF (Reading is Fundamental program). The students also enjoyed the play *The Cow Who Wouldn't Come Down* performed by the RCMS Touring Theatre. Kindergarten and 1st grade students also had a special visitor from the Rockcastle County Public Library. Ms. Pam Chaliff (the "Book-

mobile Lady") visited the school and explained the bookmobile service to the students. Students also received a tour of the bookmobile. If you would like for the bookmobile to visit your house, then stop by the Rockcastle County Public Library and sign your child up for a library card. Thanks, Ms. Pam, for visiting Roundstone Elementary School.

Roundstone students recently participated in a design-a-stamp contest, sponsored by the Wildlife Post Office. Students were asked to create a stamp design depicting our local community. Mrs. Barbara Thacker, acting Wildlife postmaster, presented first, second and third place school winners with more prizes. First place winner was Matthew Reynolds, second was Ben Lake and third place was Bryonna Cromer. Matthew's winning stamp design will be displayed at the Wildlife Post Office.

Spring break is April 5th through April 9th. Have a wonderful and safe Spring Break!



Third grade students from Ms. Atkin's and Ms. Person's classes displaying their simple machines in the Library Media Center. Pictured above are Skylar Damrell, Candace Chasteen, Jade Lewis and Rochelle Lawson. Pictured below are from front left: Austin Jordan, Adam Hale, Sarah Pigg and Samantha Lawson. Back row from left are: Albert Neak, Benah Jean Lear, Annie Hale, Robbie Bradley and Keith Smith.



Wildlife Postmaster Barbara Thacker is pictured with the winners of the Design-a-Stamp contest. They were: Matthew Reynolds, first place; Ben Lake, second place and Bryonna Cromer, third place.



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Third grade students being assisted by Ms. Jenny Sweet.



John Lambert of Mt. Vernon joined State Representative Danny Ford for a photograph during House Floor proceedings on March 11, 2004. Lambert participated in House Floor proceedings as Representative Ford's Legislative Page. Lambert is the son of Chief Justice Joe Lambert and Family Court Judge Debra Lambert of Mount Vernon.



Second grade students finding that special book during the RIF book giveaway.

## Tiger Pause

Thanks to everyone who helped make the book fair and science fair a great success. The students did a fantastic job with their projects.

The testing period will begin soon. Please remember how important it is that your child gets a good night of rest and has breakfast the next morning. We want every child to do their best and these are contributing factors in the testing process. Also, please make sure that your child is at school on time every day.

BES wishes Coach Chrissy Noble and the Lady Rockets good luck in the state tournament on Thursday. There will be no school that day.

Students in the Counselor's Corner this week are: Tabitha Spoonamore, Julian Kada, Paisley Saylor, RJ Smith, Olivia Caudill, Candace Brown, Rachel Renner, Brandon Burkhardt, Allie Johnson, Mason Poynter, Joseph Baggett, Jonathan Denay, Jon DeBord, Courtney Baggett, Casey Hunt, Lindsey Bryan and Carley Orbin. These children have been kind to others by sharing and following the rules. They show leadership qualities and are helpful to classmates and teachers. Great job!

April 1: Girl Scouts meet. April 5-9 Spring Break. April 13, Girl Scouts meet.

## March is:

The Rockcastle County Public Library is extending the grace period for bringing overdue items back to the library! If you have any overdue items, books, videos, audio bring them back to the library or put in the drop box and the fine will be forgiven. What you may have may be the item that someone else has been waiting for.

Celebrate with us during *Read Across America Month!*  
 Rockcastle County Public Library  
 60 Ford Drive  
 Mt. Vernon, Kentucky 40456

Have you found books from the public library laying around the house and been too embarrassed to return them?

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 Web: www.rockcastleky.org

## In Rockcastle County

## Words of Hope

What does "faith" mean to you? For many, faith is some religious term that has no effect on their life. However, faith is critical in everyone's life. It takes faith to flip on a light switch and expect the lights to turn on. Also, it takes faith to turn the ignition and expect the car to start. So, our faith in God should not be any different. Put your faith in God, and expect His presence to fill your life.

—A message of hope from your friends at  
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Iraklis C. Livas, M.D., is a Board Certified Allergist, Graduate of Johns Hopkins University.



Roundstone Brownie Troop 135 just finished their cookie sales. The troop of 17 girls sold 1276 boxes of cookies. Six boxes were donated as part of "Operation Milk and Cookies" and will be given to a local food bank. The girls would like to thank everyone who bought cookies and all the parents that helped with the sale this year. Top cookie seller for the Roundstone Brownie Girl Scout Troop was Ashley Newland. Ashley sold 224 boxes of cookies. Runner-up was Britany Powell who sold 216 boxes of cookies.

Rockcastle County High School Musical Theatre presents

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WHEN: April 10 - 24, 2004.

WHO: Everyone in the community ... including YOU!

HOW: To volunteer for cleanup events:

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# Rockcastle FFA compete in region

*Submitted by the Rockcastle County FFA Chapter*  
 The Rockcastle County FFA Chapter competed in the Kentucky River Region Paper Work Day on March 12, 2004. Our chapter competed in the Officer Book Contest, the Proficiency Contests, the Tobacco Essay Contest, and the JV Parliamentary Procedure Contest. Everyone was involved in these contest areas worked very hard to bring more victories to our chapter.

The Rockcastle County FFA Chapter participated in many proficiency contest areas as well. These were the members who placed a Superior 1st in the region. Shay Mullins in Beef Production Placement, Heather Adams in Dairy Production Entrepreneurship, Shay Mullins in Dairy Production Placement, Matthew Faulkner in Diversified Crop Production Placement, Mark Dyehouse in Home and/or Community Development Placement, and Ben Graves in Turf Grass Management Placement.

These are chapter members who placed a Superior 2nd in the region in proficiency contests. Daniel Bustle in Beef Production Entrepreneurship, Mark Dyehouse in Diversified Agriculture Production Placement, Matthew Whitaker in Diversified Crop Production Entrepreneurship, Jason Leger in Equine Science Entrepreneurship,

Donald Sowder in Food Science and Technology Placement, Derek Hurst in Forage Production Placement, and Matthew Whitaker in Specialty Crop Production Entrepreneurship.

The JV Parliamentary Procedure Team placed a Superior 1st in the region. Team members were Emily Whitaker, President, Ashley Cash-Vice President, Hillary Proctor, Secretary, Matt Stamper, Treasurer, Robyn Wilson- Reporter, and Chris Hurst- Sentinel. Members were Ashley Ridner, Jody Howard, Steven Renner, and Curtis Burton. Team alternates were Tasha Blanton and Brandon Dykes.

Heather Adams was elected as the Kentucky River Region Vice President for the 2004-2005 year. Heather Adams was selected as one of the two finalists for Regional Star Farmer. Matthew Faulkner was selected as one of two finalists for Regional Star in Agriculture Placement, and Jencylob Robbins placed an Excellent rating on the Tobacco Essay.

Matthew Whitaker placed a Superior rating (highest rating possible) on the chapter Secretary's Book in the region. Daniel Bustle placed a Superior rating (highest rating possible) on the chapter Treasurers book in the region. Mark Dyehouse placed a Superior rating (highest rating possible) on the chapter Scrap Book in the Region.



Members who participated in the JV Parliamentary Procedure Team Contest. Front row, from left: Tasha Blanton, Jody Howard, Robyn Wilson, Curtis Burton, Ashley Ridner, and Steven Renner. Back row, from left: Ashley Cash, Hillary Proctor, Emily Whitaker, Matt Stamper, Chris Hurst, and Brandon Dykes.



Members of the Rockcastle County FFA Chapter who attended the Kentucky River Region Paper Work Day.



From left: Matthew Whitaker, Mark Dyehouse, and Daniel Bustle participated in the Regional Officer Book Contests.



Mrs. Sandy Tyler's Girl Scout Troop 606 recently participated in "Girl Scouts in the Community," a community service project performed during Girl Scout Week. The girls held a baby shower in honor of a fellow member's new baby brother. Pictured are the girls along with the honored guests.

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**Bookmobile Schedule**  
 Mon., March 29: Brodhead and Copper Creek.  
 Tues., March 30: Greenhill and Conway, Boone, Fairview, Lambert Rd., Respiratory Care.  
 Wed., March 31: Ottawa and Bee Lick.

**Kiwanis Club**  
 Rockcastle Kiwanis Club meets every Thursday at noon at Rambo Valley Lodge. All visitors welcome.  
**Self Defense for Women**  
 A free class on self defense for women will be taught March 30, beginning March 30 at 10 a.m. at the Rockcastle Extension Office. Call 256-2403 for details.

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

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

**Board of Ed to meet**  
 The Rockcastle County Board of Education will meet in special session Tues., March 30 at 6 p.m. at the Even Start building, located on Roundstone Elementary grounds. The public is welcome to attend.

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

**Brodhead Lodge Meeting**  
 Brodhead Lodge #56 F&AM will meet at 7:30 p.m. the first Saturday of every month.

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

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

**RCMS Cheerleader Try-outs**  
 Rockcastle county Middle School will be holding cheerleader tryouts on Friday, April 2. A clinic will be held Tues., Wed., and Thurs, March

30, 31 and April 1. Boys are welcome! Wear comfortable clothing. Must attend two of the three clinics. Be at RCMS each day 3:30 to 6 p.m. Contact Erica Kirby at 256-3347, 256-5118 or 859-625-1105 for more details.

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

**Donations needed for First Baptist Mission**  
 First Baptist Church Mission is now accepting summer clothing, monetary and food donations. Please bring clean clothing and other donations to the mission on Monday and Wednesdays from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and on Saturdays 10:30 to 11:30 a.m.

**Stop Smoking!**  
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**Crab Orchard Homecoming**  
 The Crab Orchard 4th of July Homecoming Celebration is in its 29th year. The event will begin Friday, July 2nd with a street dance featuring a DJ. Saturday events include crafts, food and music booths, a parade, special events throughout the day and a classic car show. The parade will begin at 2 p.m. For more information, contact Cheri Manuel at 606-355-2319.

**Narcotics Anonymous**  
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**GED Classes**  
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**"Family Room"**

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victim leaves and the abuser says he is sorry, she may choose to forgive, but that does not mean she has to return to the relationship. Returning could be, at best, premature and, at worst, foolish.

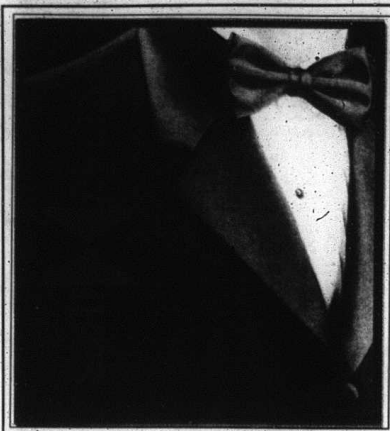
What does forgiveness mean? We turn again to Dr. Hallowell: Most people would say forgiveness means turning the other cheek, or letting the other person get off scot-free. But it means none of these things.

For me, forgiveness means renouncing the hold that anger and resentment have over you. Not that you cease to feel anger and resentment, but you don't allow them to rule your life.

Forgiveness liberates the one who forgives! It frees the forgiver from carrying around the baggage of anger and resentment. It frees the forgiver from the pain of feeling that anger over and over again. It frees the forgiver from the control that the anger has over him.

Forgiveness also has particular physical benefits. Why would we deny to ourselves these benefits? Why not work as hard to forgive as we do to lose weight, stop smoking or lower our blood pressure? The benefits of forgiveness can be just as great as the benefits from these.

(Some information for this column came from the March 21 issue of U.S. News and World Report.)



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