

# KIRIS Items Measure Content

To illustrate content measured by KIRIS, the consultants in the Division of Assessment and Curriculum Development annotated the following items. These pages show released 8th- and 12th- grade open-response questions and sample responses with notations explaining how the students apply knowledge and understanding of science and mathematics concepts.

## KIRIS Assessment Annotated Response Grade 8 Science

**Test Question:** You have been given an opportunity to design a permanent space station. Because you have a limited amount of money with which to work, you must convince the builders that aspects of your design are important. Describe the necessary components. Explain how their functions are important to the station.

### Scoring Criteria for a 4-point response (on a scale of 0-4)

Student's response recognizes, meets and justifies necessary components, e.g., food, water, shelter, protection, air systems. The student may include items he or she deems important, e.g., recreation and social items, if the student justifies each item's importance.

### Sample 4-point response

Student realizes that humans need water to live.

Student realizes that oxygen is necessary for human life and knows a large amount must be stored; also, knows that plants produce oxygen as a by-product of Photosynthesis.

Student realizes that food is necessary for the survival of the space station inhabitants and enough food cannot be stored over a long period of time. The student concludes that food needs to be grown on the space station.

Student realizes that sleep is necessary to human existence.

To convince the builders of my design I would have to put in the things that are most needed. You would have to have some type of water source because without water you can't live. You would have to have oxygen tanks or a lot of plants in order to live and breathe in the space station. You would have to have solar panels to create some type of electricity. The electricity could make heat and light so you can see when the space station orbits around the dark side of the earth. You would need to have a way to grow your own food. You would also need to have a place to sleep and work-out because when astronauts re-enter the earth's atmosphere they receive the effect of gravity once again and it helps them to work out while in space. Also you need a place to do experiments to create newer and better medicines. This is the real reason why we need space stations to create medicine that would cure terribly sick people. All of this would be needed to live and work in space.

Student knows solar panels convert solar radiation to electricity and that electricity can be converted to light or heat. (Law of Conservation of Energy) The student also realizes that a space station must orbit to remain in space and that it will be dark and cold on the side opposite the sun. (Inertia/Centripetal Force)

Student notes that exercise is necessary when astronauts are in space due to apparent weightlessness, and upon return to earth the exercises will help the astronauts readjust to the full strength of the earth's gravity. (Newton's Universal Law of Gravitation)

The student realizes that apparent weightlessness affects some chemical reactions.

The student uses his or her understanding of how chemical reactions are affected by apparent weightlessness to justify building a space station.

## Performance Levels



### Distinguished

At this highest level, the student has deep understanding of the concept or process and can complete all important parts of the task. The student can communicate well, think concretely and abstractly, and analyze and interpret data.



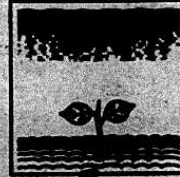
### Apprentice

The student has gained more understanding and can do some important parts of the task.



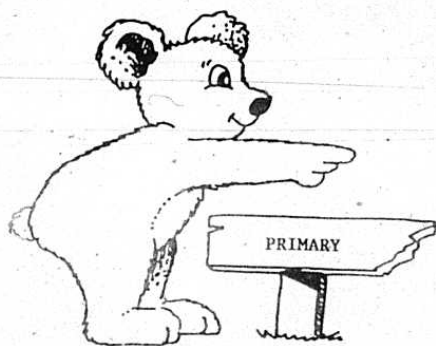
### Proficient

The student understands the major concepts, can do almost all of the task, and can communicate concepts clearly.



### Novice

The student is beginning to show an understanding of new information or skills.



### What's Happening in Primary--

Based on its own surveys and observations, the Kentucky Institute for Education Research reports that the following primary program components have been implemented in two-thirds or more of Kentucky's primary classrooms:

- Arranging a flexible physical learning environment
- Creating a warm and supportive social-emotional climate
- Using recommended best practices in the instruction of reading, writing and mathematics
- Collaborating with other classroom teachers in planning and implementing instruction
- Communicating with parents about the primary program and helping parents support instruction at home

The institute reports that the following components are not being implemented in 40 percent or more of all primary classrooms:

- Designing and establishing a variety of learning centers
- Creating broad-based, theme-centered units of study.
- Using recommended practices in the instruction of science, social studies and the arts
- Implementing a variety of performance and authentic assessment techniques on a regular basis
- Collaborating or planning with special education teachers or other specialists
- Scheduling regular collaborative planning periods with other teachers
- Involving parents in meaningful classroom activities

The Kentucky Early Learning Profile (KELP) is a continuous assessment tool for primary teachers that provides an organizational framework. KELP's purpose is to verify successful completion of the primary program, and document and communicate to parents, student growth and learning throughout the primary years.

# Q & A: Primary

**How do the KIRIS scrimmage tests (known as Primary A and Primary B) done in primary relate to the accountability assessment in the 4th grade?**

The Primary A continuous assessment test was designed for those students in their third year of primary. It has been discontinued for 1995-96.

Currently, Advanced Systems in Measurement and Evaluation and the Department of Education are conducting a field study of Primary Performance Tasks. These performance tasks, designed to assist teachers in preparing students for the 4th grade assessments, are projected to be available in January 1996.

In the meantime, the Primary B continuous assessment test will remain in place for 1995-96.

**How much time do 5-year-olds have to spend with older children to meet the guidelines for the primary program?**

Schools and school districts may determine that entry-level primary students need to remain together in a single-age-setting during all or part of the first semester as they become used to the school environment. These decisions should be made on an individual student basis to ensure that student needs are being met. In the second semester, all entry-level students should have an opportunity for learning experiences in multi-age settings, with teachers determining the time, activity and multi-age group that is appropriate for each student. The integration into multi-age settings during the second semester should occur at least two times per week.

The flexibility that exists with entry-level

students is a tool that can be utilized to accomplish a comprehensive and meaningful primary program for each student. For example, the following strategies may be used for half-day-day and full-day entry-level (5-year-old) students:

- Fully integrated in multi-age setting all day, all year
- Partially integrated in multi-age setting all year
- Single-age grouping first semester, fully integrated in multi-age setting second semester
- Single-age grouping first semester, partial integration in multi-age setting second semester.
- Single-age grouping first semester, minimum integration in multi-age setting second semester



Mt. Vernon Elementary primary teacher Becky Fain conferences with primary student on writing process.

**Who determines how the primary program improvement plan is designed and implemented in my school?**

Teachers, school administrators and school councils can map out the future direction of their primary program by creating a primary program improvement plan -- a tool to assess program needs and future goals.

The Primary Program Innovation Configuration Map can be helpful in developing a primary improvement plan. The map will assist in identifying where the school has been in 1994-95 and where the school wants to be in 1995-96.

By infusing this "needs" information into your Transformation Plan, your school council has the opportunity to address primary program issues within the professional development plan, the budget and any other element of planning that is part of the whole school.

**Can a primary student who has been in a dual-age setting (5-6, 6-7, 7-8) continue in that setting more than two years?**

Decisions about the placement of individual students must be made at the school level by teachers, in consultation with parents and the principal, and based on the developmental needs of the child. If this is the decision reached by those in closest contact with the child and it meets the child's developmental needs, then it would be considered appropriate for that child. In all cases, instruction and curriculum must be designed to take each child further in his or her development rather than merely "repeating" a previously taught curriculum. No child should be subjected to instruction and curriculum that is a repeat of a prior year's experience.

**If my school does not use the Kentucky Early Learning Profile, what are the elements that should be in place for continuous progress assessment and reporting?**

KELP is not required. However, the elements of KELP represent a system that should be in place for a primary program assessment system. These include but are not limited to:

- continuous communication with parents that draws from parental knowledge of the child as well as sharing the educator's view of the child
- methods of documenting progress such as work samples, anecdotal records and observations
- types of performances that promote successful completion of primary
- student self-reflection
- qualitative reporting system

This is also outlined in the Interim Regulation for Verifying Successful Completion of Primary School.

# DWoK

During the 1993-94 school year, the Kentucky Department of Education and fifty teachers from twenty-five schools participated in a pilot study to determine if DWoK was a useful tool to help them meet the mandates of the Kentucky Education Reform Act (KERA). Of particular focus were the requirements to implement a nongraded, continuous progress primary program for students 5 to 8 years old, and to institute at all grade levels the type of child-centered teaching and learning environment measured by the new performance-based assessment system. The answer was an overwhelming "yes"-DWoK will help!

The integrated thematic curriculum with interdisciplinary connections, the variety and authenticity of instruction and assessment strategies embedded in the modules, and the infusion of the arts to both engage a greater number of learners in our increasingly diverse classrooms and to expand the array of avenues in which children can "show they know," all combine to make DWoK an extremely valuable resource for Kentucky's elementary teachers.

## What is *Different Ways of Knowing*?

*Different Ways of Knowing* is a philosophy of education and a model interdisciplinary curriculum with a design for learning and practicing new teaching strategies.

### A Philosophy

The clearly defined philosophy of *Different Ways of Knowing* draws upon an extensive research base that involves a variety of disciplines and educational perspectives. Among them are generative-constructivist learning theory; theory of multiple intelligences; prior knowledge; whole language; second language acquisition; thematic, integrated instruction; accelerated instruction; and authentic assessment.

### A Model Interdisciplinary Curriculum

*Different Ways of Knowing* helps teachers tap the full potential of every primary and elementary age child. The curriculum integrates history and social studies themes with the visual and performing arts, literature, writing, math and science. A modular, "menu-driven" format provides teachers with opportunities to create their own instructional pathways to meet the particular needs of their students.

### Professional Development

Teachers and administrators who use *Different Ways of Knowing* participate in a range of ongoing support programs, designed to provide time for planning and opportunities to learn together. These include introductory institutes, workshops, strategies for implementation teams, in-class demonstrations and other technical assistance, and professional growth opportunities such as a training-of-trainers program.

In addition, *Sparks* workshops and resources are offered that focus on a variety of effective instructional strategies embedded in *Different Ways of Knowing*. Among these are informal assessment techniques, collaborative learning, writing and thinking, thematic instruction, and integrating authentic visual and performing arts opportunities into the curriculum.

### Research and Evaluation

*Different Ways of Knowing* has been successfully field-tested in 500 elementary school classrooms in six states over a three-year period. An ongoing independent four-year comparison study conducted by UCLA researchers shows many positive correlations between student achievement and teacher attitudes. For example, children in *Different Ways of Knowing* classrooms exhibit greater interest in school and demonstrate a deeper understanding of social studies content than students in traditional classrooms. Participating teachers report high satisfaction, crediting the curriculum and the accompanying professional development for changes in the way they teach.



Brodhead Elementary teacher Jim Ward discusses project with presenter JoAnn Guilfoil during DWoK Visual Arts Workshop.

### Meeting the goals of KERA in elementary school classrooms

*Supporting the Seven Critical Attributes of KERA's Primary Program Implementation*

1. Developmentally Appropriate Educational Practices
2. Multi-age and Multi-ability Classrooms
3. Continuous Progress
4. Authentic Assessment
5. Qualitative Reporting Methods
6. Professional Teamwork



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1: the study of the nature of knowledge and existence and the principles of moral and esthetic value 2: the philosophical teachings or principles of a man or group of men (Greek *philosophy*) 3: the general principles or a field of study (the *philosophy* of history) 4: wisdom or insight applied to life itself (a *philosophy* to live and let live)

I believe that we were all put here for a reason. Our search in life is to discover what that reason is. Some of us are meant to be doctors who save lives, lawyers who defend the innocent, bankers who provide financial security and teachers who empower us with knowledge and learning.

There are others in life whose purpose is not so glorious but just as necessary. These people like cooks, waitresses, garbage men and truck drivers all play a major part in the great scheme of life. These particular people are what keeps life going for all the rest of us.

There are many people in life who have yet to discover just what their purpose is. Unfortunately, some never will; perhaps because they are too blind to see. Even though some may never discover what their great purpose of life is, they should take comfort in knowing that everyone has the opportunity to touch someone else's life, oftentimes in ways that they themselves will never realize.

There are many important things that we must all accomplish as we live here on the earth. We all need to be able to communicate with our fellow man in some fashion and we all need to be able to move from place to place in order to meet our fellow man. Along the way we learn to talk and walk, read and write, to add and multiply. These special skills enhance our journey through life.

"Into every life a little rain must fall" is an old and true proverb. It is how people deal with the rain that separates the strong from the weak. The strong take the rain and put it to good use in their lives while the weak will allow that bit of rain to become a flood that eventually will destroy them.

As we all move down the road of life, we will encounter smooth roads as well as bumps and potholes. These potholes, like the rain, are there to provide us with the opportunity for growth, even if it's difficult to understand that at the time. Smooth roads are great for getting somewhere in a hurry, but provides little opportunity for conversation later. As we reflect on our lives, it's the potholes and the flat tires and how we fixed them that will provide us with the best memories.

I believe that every person should endeavor to spend as much time as possible with their family. There is nothing more important than the family. Today, people tend to neglect the family in favor of jobs and so-called friends that often are not important in the long run. Friends are also important but they must be true friends. Friends are people who will stand by you in time of need, support you when you are down and defend you until the bitter end. It is a lucky person in life who has true friends.

We also need to preserve nature and its resources that provide us with the materials for sustaining life. If we are not careful with these natural resources, there will be no life for our children and grandchildren. I believe that there should be mandatory recycling laws in the United States and the rest of the world. We must attempt to save tomorrow.

All in all, my philosophy of life is very simple. Live the best way that we know how, always treating others as we expect to be treated. We should attempt to make the world a better place than we found it and to take each pothole and make it a swimming pool. We should be grateful for all that we have and less greedy for the things that we don't. But, above all, we should strive to enjoy our families and our life, because without family and a healthy life, will anything else matter?

**Scott Thompson**  
7th Grade  
Rockcastle County Middle School

I am the type of person who always strives for excellence, works hard to achieve it, and am not satisfied until I have mastered the task. I approach every aspect of my life with this philosophy in mind. I don't believe in setting easy-to-reach goals. I am never content with the average or mediocrity. Whether it be something as simple as attempting to beat the computer in a Sega-Genesis game or as intense as being victorious in a hotly-contested basketball game, I do not believe in failure. I may not always be successful, but I will try again. If no one ever tried to broaden the boundaries of what is known, the unknown would never be explored.

An excellent example of my philosophy occurred back in the late 1800's and early 1900's. It was during this time that inventors from all over the world were designing, creating and inventing things that would have an enormous impact on our lives today. Everything from radios to cars, from farming equipment to indoor plumbing, was invented in this time period. Just think, if Karl Benz had not produced the prototype of the first automobile, would we still be riding in horse-drawn carriages? Benz was not satisfied with the ordinary ways of life and strived to improve them. From his humble beginnings, others were inspired to improve his model. No improvements could have been made, however, if Benz had never attempted to devise the model in the first place. Yes, there were many failures, but Benz did not give up nor was he satisfied with the status quo. By never giving up, he not only broadened his world, but also the views of others, and, in turn, has affected our world still today.

In conclusion, Karl Benz's achievement has shown me that by setting goals and working hard to accomplish them, one can do great things. I guess Grandma Moses said it best when she stated, "Life is what we make it, always has been, always will be." I want my life to be one of excellence.

**Josh Bowles**  
8th Grade  
Rockcastle County Middle School

I have already learned quite a few good lessons in my life time. One of them is never to give up. All people get things accomplished when they refuse to give up. As Jim Valvano said, "Don't give up. Don't ever give up." I first heard this quote in my sixth grade challenge class and have remembered it and its author ever since because it means so much to me.

If I were a window and people could see inside me, I would want to hide the bad things about me. I would only want them to see a kind person with a loving heart, a good sense of humor, and a good attitude. However, if you tried to hide all the bad things about you, you might not seem much better than you did before you tried to hide all those things.

If I were giving advice about life to someone younger than me, I would tell them:

- 1.) Don't bite off more than you can chew.
- 2.) It's good to be cautious but not too cautious or you won't get to enjoy as many things in life as most people.
- 3.) Life is too short to waste time on unimportant things.
- 4.) Try your best to find a talent you have and use it to the best of your ability.
- 5.) Always try to help others.

I believe that each person on this earth has a special mission that God wants them to complete at some point in their life. Sometimes you have to struggle to find this mission, sometimes it's very easy to find, and some people never find their mission. As long as you at least try to find your mission, God still loves you, whether you find your mission or not.

As you can tell, I believe strongly in God, Jesus and the Holy Spirit. I attend Sunday church services regularly. Along with this, I believe that trusting in God is more important than your career, your family, and all the money in the world. I think biblical education is more important than any other type of education. If you believe in God and you are baptized in His name, you are assured an eternal life. Going to school is important but a social studies, reading, writing, or even a math lesson can't assure you an eternal life. Only God can do that.

Many people have different philosophies. This is because many people believe different things. This is my philosophy of life. Think about it. What's your philosophy of life? Remember having a variety of ideas among a number of people is one good thing about everyone being different. It is our difference in philosophies that makes the world such a wonderful place. We should respect other's beliefs but guard our own.

**Chelsen Stratton**  
6th Grade  
Rockcastle County Middle School

At Somerset



RMS Chorus sings at "Earth Rap" 1995

At RCHS



Athletes compete in 2nd track meet Page A-11

At Middle School



Spring Fashion Show held Sunday Page A-12

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## Two drown after wreck at Lake Linville

**By: Richard Anderkin**  
A Rockcastle County man is still being held in the Rockcastle County jail this week, charged with reckless homicide and drunk driving. Shane Burke, 24, of Negro Creek, is being held under a \$25,000 cash bond, after two people died in a wreck at Lake Linville Friday night. According to Mt. Vernon police officer Eddie Delaney, Burke was the driver of a car that plunged into the lake around 12:45 a.m. Saturday morning. Roman Dale Brummett, 23, also of Negro Creek, drowned at the scene after he was apparently knocked unconscious when his body was thrown from the vehicle. Jessica Rae Saylor, 2, of Stanford died Saturday at the University of Kentucky Medical Center.

Delaney said that Burke apparently lost control of his 1983 two door Datsun as he rounded a curve near boat dock hill. The vehicle flipped at least once before it went into the water. A fisherman heard tires screech and then saw the car plunge into the lake. When Mt. Vernon police officers Life Owens and Barry Adams arrived at the scene they, were told that two people were still trapped in the car, but, three others including Burke had managed to escape through the driver's side window. Trapped in the car was a two-year-old girl, who later died at the University of Kentucky Medical Center. Delaney said that Officer Owens unsuccessfully dove into the Lake three times in attempt to retrieve the

child, but the water was too deep and too cold. Ernie Boggs, a local licensed scuba diver was called to the scene, but by the time he arrived Mt. Vernon rescue workers had already managed to hook the steering wheel of the car and get it to the surface. Boggs retrieved the child from the car and Rockcastle ambulance attendants administered C.P.R. and managed to get a pulse. The car had been about 20 feet from the bank, in about 25 feet of water, when rescue workers, got it to the surface. The child was apparently under water for about an hour. The car was lying on the passenger's side and still had its headlights on. Assistant Mt. Vernon fire chief Bud Cox said that Roman Dale Brum-

met was hooked in the shirt by rescue worker Gary Hansel and brought to the surface. See Brummett and Saylor obituary on page A-4  
Rockcastle County Coroner Bill Dowell said that an autopsy confirmed that Brummett drowned in the accident and did not die from other injuries received in the wreck. Officer Delaney said that the mother of the two-year-old child apparently loosened the child from its car seat, but because of the coldness and murkiness of the water, she was unable to get the baby of the car. When the car was brought to the surface, the child was out of its car seat, but still in the car.



The 1983 Datsun flipped once before plunging into Lake Linville.

### According to autopsies

## Bowles family was shot to death, then burned

Bodies of a woman and two children found last Sunday afternoon in the smoking rubble of a house in the Plato community of Pulaski County, had been shot prior to the fire that apparently was deliberately set, investigating officers said. Shirley Faye Bowles McKinney, 29, and her son, Brian Lee Bowles, 11, both died of multiple gunshot wounds. Her daughter, Amy Michelle Bowles, 3, was killed with a single gunshot, according to Sheriff Sam Catron and Coroner Alan Stringer.

The three were from Rockcastle County. Brian was a fourth grader at Mt. Vernon Elementary. The officers declined to reveal the type of weapon used, but Stringer said projectiles were recovered from some of the bodies. They also refused to say where the bullets penetrated the bodies. David Burton, a neighbor and the first person at the scene of the fire, said the house was engulfed in flames when he arrived about 2 p.m. The three people definitely were dead prior to the fire, Catron and

Stringer emphasized during a news conference Friday afternoon. The bodies were burned beyond recognition and the officers said it was impossible to tell how long they had been dead before the house was destroyed. Stringer said Mrs. McKinney was identified by dental records and the two children by "circumstantial evidence." Catron, describing the event as "tragic," said it was the first triple murder in memory in Pulaski County. Conceding that a human body is difficult to burn, Catron explained that the bodies were charred beyond recognition because it was an "extremely hot fire."

He said the four-room house was shot once.



Brian Bowles was shot several times and his sister Michelle was shot once.



Shirley Faye Bowles McKinney was shot multiple times. Her husband has been questioned in connection.

### Husband questioned

Why budget money when there is no money to spend?

## Judge says county has no money for some groups because of state cutbacks

**By Ray McCleure**  
Just because the county budgets money for some cause is no assurance it has the money to spend.

So said County Judge/Executive Buzz Krolf to various groups at the Rockcastle Fiscal Court's monthly meeting Tuesday. He was talking about various county organizations and groups such as Red Cross, Senior Citizens, Cumberland Valley Area Development District, fire departments and others.

It's a long story, but basically, at one time the state (last fiscal year) allocated \$88,000 in coal money when Rockcastle was classified as "coal producing." Then the state changed Rockcastle's classification to "coal impact," meaning 100 percent of the state money has to go on county roads. So, there's no money for any of these groups. Even the county doesn't

### Briefly . . . . .

**Booze . . . . .**  
Jacob Peters of Copper Creek Road was arrested by the sheriff and deputies April 5 on illegal sale and illegal possession of alcoholic beverages in a local option territory.

**Beagle . . . . .**  
Mrs. Ruby Adams who lives near the Rockcastle-Laurel counties line reported to Sheriff deputies her beagle was tied to a step ladder and now both are gone (stolen). At least she thought they wanted the step ladder and also took the dog.

**Wreck . . . . .**  
Three persons were treated for injuries when their car met another on the wrong side of the road, left the road and hit a tree, according to a police report.

Injured were the driver, Timothy Reynolds, 27, of Eabank, and passengers Shannon, 28, and Josh Reynolds, 3.

They were treated at Rockcastle Hospital following the Ky. 70 accident on April 7.

## Gov. Jones declares emergency in Rockcastle, 32 others

Governor Breton C. Jones has declared a state of emergency in 33 Southeastern Kentucky counties as a result of the outbreak of forest fire, including Rockcastle. The Governor has directed the Kentucky Army National Guard to provide troops, aircraft and ground vehicles to assist in fighting these fires. Approximately 150 guardsmen, 6 water bucket-equipped helicopters, and 30 vehicles have been activated at the Governor's direction as requested by the state. All ranger districts throughout the entire Daniel Boone National Forest will begin enforcing a ban on campfires for the duration of current extreme wildfire conditions. Forest Supervisor Bradley Powell announced today.

Law enforcement officers will issue citations to offenders. Supervisors of the Cumberland Gap National Park and the Big South Fore National Recreation area also announced today that these facilities would remain open, but they would restrict campfires to approved campfire rings or grills within developed recreation areas. Powell said these fire restrictions were implemented for the protection of both the visiting public and the forest resources, as well as in the spirit of cooperation with the Kentucky Division of Forestry, other fire-fighting entities, and Governor Breton Jones' proclamation which limits access to state and private lands throughout the 33 eastern-most Kentucky counties. "All fire-fighting agencies agree that the current weather contributes to the present extreme fire danger in eastern Kentucky -- and other southern states -- and we regularly cooperate with all fire-fighting agencies in suppressing wildfires which endanger lives and property," Powell explained.

## Betty Lewis honored



Betty Lewis was honored Tuesday by her colleagues for years of work with Rockcastle County children. The annual award will be presented to a Rockcastle countian during April as part of Child Abuse Awareness Month. Ms. Lewis has worked extensively with children in Rockcastle throughout her career and currently serves as director of the Family Resource Center for Rockcastle County schools. Presenting her with this year's award is Larry Hammond, Director of Student and Family Services in Rockcastle County schools. Also in the photo are two of Ms. Lewis' granddaughters, Victoria and Lauren Clontz.

# Congressman Harold Rogers

## Report to Kentucky



### Keep Our Gun Rights Strong

This week, I and other Congressmen, Democrats and Republicans, launched an effort to repeal the President's ban on guns passed in last year's "so-called" Crime Bill.

The President has threatened to veto any attempt to restore these gun rights, and I plan to test his mettle. With many new supporters in Congress, we can work together to restore our freedom and right to bear arms.

There are several problems with the gun control advocates' argument.

First, the ban on guns has done NOTHING to stop violent crime in our country. The anti-gun forces told the ban as a cure to the violence plaguing our streets.

We know the banned weapons are not the weapons of choice for violent criminals.

Less than one half of one percent of all violent crimes involve automatic weapons. And those weapons are used by urban gangs who obtain their guns illegally.

In contrast, 15 percent of all violent crimes involve knives, and five percent involve fists and feet.

In fact, the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms has stated that for every 4,000 violent crimes reported, only one involves an assault-style weapon.

Secondly, we know gun control is not crime control. It doesn't work. In Washington, DC, they have the strictest gun control laws in the nation, and the highest per capita murder rate of any city in this country.

Finally, we know the President's ban on guns is just plain unconstitutional. The Second Amendment gives every law-abiding citizen the right to bear arms. It is a principle that is essential to everything our country stands for.

I and other opponents of gun control are ready to bury this bad gun ban. For too long, law-abiding citizens' Constitutional rights have been under attack, and now is the time to even the score.

As a Congressman who has always stood up for our Second Amendment rights (a 100% NRA voting record), I am working with other members, Democrats and Republicans, to repeal this terrible ban.

We already have passed a new, better crime bill that will get tough on criminals, not law-abiding Americans. It is time we stop attacking gun owners who obey the law and pay their taxes. It is time to repeal the attack on our gun-owning rights.

### "Fiscal Court"

(Cont. from front)

get all its entitlement. The county money was budgeted in the Local Government Economic Assistance Fund.

"It's not that we don't want to give, it's we don't have money to spend," Judge Carlotis said.

The Red Cross (local) had asked for over \$500 allocation in the 1994-95 budget drawn up in 1993. A total of \$7,000 was budgeted for senior citizens and other groups \$3,500. But now, no money.

CVADD has a bill for \$8,691 for 1994-96. The court took no action. Constable Lloyd Bennett asked for \$350 to buy a car radio. No action.

National Flood Insurance Program Resolution. No action. There was no money called for in this resolution. The court has asked for more information.

The court signed a contract with Warren County to house juveniles, if needed, from \$75 a day to \$100 a day. The county has 6 juveniles in jail at last count, none in Warren County.

The court agreed to repair Rockcastle's 2.0 a mile of Wildcat Mountain Road. Laurel County will do their section of the road that is located in Laurel County.

The court approved an anti-abortion resolution that someone mailed to the court. No one remembered who sent it. The court indicated it was against abortion.

The court told treasurer Joseph Cloniz to get with Frank Bullock and make or discuss a decision on Health Insurance for the county employees.

Put off was further consideration of 911 emergency telephone number for the county. Judge Carlotis said another company has asked to bid on installation of 911. But the county will go ahead with mapping the county. The court asked the judge to discover others who might want to bid on mapping.

Approved by the court were several waste permit applications (Hauler). They were: Bae Garbage and Transfer Center, Cassie Lieral, Laurel Garbage and Linda McWhorter.

Jim Cass of CVADD, told the court plans for Industrial Park II have been submitted to the state.

The court approved the county budget. The budget had no comments or recommendations to make to the

court

The court went into closed session to introduce them to the new Dog Warden David Sowder and ask him questions on his job.

### "Shot"

(Cont. from front)

falling in before the fire was discovered and firefighters notified.

Carson and Stringer both emphasized that investigators found no evidence of accelerants on the bodies. However, they would not comment on accelerants, if any, found elsewhere in the house. They also would not say where in the house the fire started.

The bodies of the mother and her daughter were in the living room of the house. The boy was in the right-hand bedroom, Stringer said. The mother's body was in the bedroom or five feet from the front door of the house.

David Poynter, Sunnyside Church Road, owner of the house, said the structure had three doors leading to the outside. Officers called the fire "suspicious" from the start because three people were unable to escape a house fire during early afternoon.

Carson and Stringer said Friday afternoon that Gary McKinney, the dead woman's husband of one month, had been questioned in connection with the blaze; however, no charges have been placed against McKinney.

McKinney married the late Faye Bowles on March 1. He had moved to Pulaski County from Rockcastle County about three weeks before the fatal fire. They rented the house on remote Poplar Hollow Road from Poynter.

McKinney and his new wife were described by Burton as "... always walking past my house and they were always holding hands, being newly-weds and all."

Reportedly not at home when the house burned, McKinney, according to witnesses, showed up later while investigating officers were probing through the ruins. Carson said Friday that sheriff's detectives later contacted him at a relative's house in Rockcastle County for questioning.

The sheriff expressed confidence during the news conference that McKinney will be available for questioning for additional questions. He reportedly is staying at his father's house in Rockcastle County, according to Stringer.

Carson emphasized that McKinney is not under surveillance; that he has not been arrested and reiterated that no charges have been placed against him. "I have a feeling he'll be there if we need him," the sheriff commented.

McKinney, according to Carson, had 21 brothers and sisters, 19 of whom are living. McKinney is 28.

Carson said Friday that he is "optimistic" an arrest will be made "... as quickly as we feel we have enough evidence to convict." He said additional tests are still being done at the Kentucky State Police Crime Laboratory and results are not expected until early this week.

The bodies of the three victims are still in Frankfort where autopsies were conducted. Stringer said he doesn't know when the bodies will be released for burial.

However, Bill Dowel, co-owner of Dowell and Martin Funeral Home in Mt. Vernon, where the bodies will be, said that he had talked with officials in Frankfort where the bodies are undergoing more tests and he was told it would be sometime next week before the bodies are released for burial.

Delina Bowles, Shirley's sister-in-law, said that it was very hard on family members, (the waiting) and that she could not understand, why it was taking so long to release the bodies.

Mrs. Bowles also said that family members still had not had any contact with Gary McKinney.

Among others, Shirley Bowles is survived by her father, George Bowles of Crooked Creek.

The majority of the above story is being reprinted from the Sunday April 9, 1995 Commonwealth Journal

source. Where does the water in your house come from? How do the insecticides you use affect it and the environment?

There will be many opportunities to get involved in National Wildlife Week. The week ends on Earth Day, April 22.

## Clean-up of garbage

This Sat., April 15th, clean up of garbage on Hammond Fork Road. Local volunteers will be greatly appreciated. Prisoners from the county jail will be working and no-

tice is given that all persons ordered by the court to community service for non-payment of fines to the county must report to County Judge's office by 8 a.m. Saturday.

### Classified deadline is NOON Tuesday

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## Rockcastle Community Bulletin Board

- Office closed**  
The Circuit Clerk's office will close at noon on Friday, April 14 and will also be closed Saturday, April 15. The road test, CDL test and permit test will not be given on Friday, April 14.
- Service Officer**  
A Veterans Service officer will be at the Rockcastle Co. Courthouse on Mon., Apr. 17 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. to assist veterans, widows and dependents with claims and EBR forms.
- Bookmobile Schedule**  
Mon., Apr. 17: Brodhead and Copper Creek  
Tue., Apr. 18: Green Hill, Conway, Boone, Fairview and Lanesburg  
Wed., Apr. 19: Mink Apts., Mt. Vernon Manor and Brindle Ridge

- AARP**  
There will be a Rockcastle Co. AARP meeting Fri., Apr. 14 at the library meeting room at 6 p.m. Pot luck. Everyone welcome.
- Kiwanis Club**  
The Kiwanis Club will meet at the Rockcastle Steak House, Thursday at noon. Election of officers and directors will take place at this business meeting. All members are urged to attend.
- Saddle Club**  
Joy French Wagon Ride Sat., Apr. 15 at 9:30 a.m. at campground. B.O.L.

- Spring Festival**  
Roundstone PTA Spring Festival planning meeting April 18th at 7 p.m.
- Crazy Patchwork**  
There will be a crazy patchwork quilt block workshop April 18 at 10 a.m. and repeated at 6 p.m. at the Extension Office. During the workshop, make a block appropriate for a pillow-top. For materials list, contact the Extension Office at 256-2403.
- Easter Egg Hunt**  
Renfro Valley Entertainment Center presents the 3th annual Easter Egg Hunt, April 15 at 10 a.m. at the Country Music Store. Renfro Valley Bunnies. For information call 1-606-256-2638 or 1-800-765-7464.

- Class of 1980**  
There will be a meeting on Monday, April 17, at 7 p.m. at the Castle Inn Restaurant. We're making plans for our 15 year reunion and due to important decision to be made we need all who are interested to be at this meeting.
- Singles Club**  
Singles Club will meet Saturday at 8 p.m. in the meeting room of the Rockcastle Co. Library. All singles are invited to attend. For more information call 256-3447.
- Class of 1985**  
Anyone interested in planning or attending the ten year reunion please call Troy Williams 256-2614; Bruce Blanton 758-4834; Willie Hines 256-5515; Sandy Graves Payne 758-9537; Tim Roberts 256-3379.

- Retired Teachers**  
The retired teachers spring get-together will be Mon., Apr. 17 at 6 p.m. at Castle Inn Restaurant. Make reservations by calling Kathleen Stevens - 256-3765; Aslee Bray 256-5453; Sue Croner 256-2908; Shirley Martin 758-8170. Hope to see you there.
- Sunrise Service**  
Service at Christian Church will have a Communion Supper at 6:30 a.m. Easter Sunday with a fellowship breakfast following. Everyone invited.

### National Wildlife Week

National Wildlife Week is April 15-22, and this year's theme is "Home is Where the Habitat Is." You may know that a whale cannot live in the desert, but did you know that a bluebird cannot live in a dense forest? It requires a habitat, or home, that is more open.

National Wildlife Week is a good time to build a bird house or plant a tree. This will improve bird habitat around your home. It is also a good time to find out about your water



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**Kristi Hansel and Jason McClure to wed**

Mr. and Mrs. Larry Hansel of Mt. Vernon would like to announce the forthcoming marriage of their daughter, Kristi Lynn to Jason Lee McClure, son of Mr. and Mrs. Clinton McClure of Mt. Vernon. The couple will be married April 22, 1995 at 2 p.m. at Northside Baptist Church. A reception will also follow at the church. No formal invitations will be sent. All friends and relatives are invited to attend.



**Sandra Mink to wed Shawn Osborne**

Dale and Vergie Mink of Mt. Vernon are proud to announce the forthcoming marriage of their daughter Shaundra Mink to Shawn Osborne, son of David Osborne of Mt. Vernon and Vickey Bingham of Arkansas. Their wedding will be an event of Northside Baptist Church at 2 o'clock Saturday, April 15. A reception will follow the wedding. All friends and relatives are invited. No formal invitations will be sent.

**"No Time for God?"**

No time for God? What fools we are to clutter up our lives with common things.

And leave without Heart's gate The lord of life, and life itself. No time for God? As soon to say, No time to eat, or sleep, or love or die. Take time for God, or you shall defer your soul, and when the angel death comes knocking at your door, a poor misshapen thing you'll be to step into eternity.

No time for God? That day when sickness comes, or troubles find you out. And you cry out to God, will He have time for you? "Take Time Today."

We never know what minute He

may call us. If you aren't ready, please get ready to meet Him.

Please attend Sunday School and church every time you possibly can. God bless you all.

**Willaila News**

By Carol Martin

Mrs. Ruby Thompson and daughters, Juanita Payne and Brenda Wilson of Hamilton, Ohio and Gayle Hood of Somerset all recently traveled to the Biltmore Mansion in Ashville, North Carolina, then returned by way of Gallinburg, Tenn. where they also spent time.

Last weekend visitors of Meeda Cash were her daughter Sharon and son-in-law Tom Patton of High Point,

Ohio. Recent visitors of Mrs. Mattie Burton were: Bruce Latham, Wilma Burton, Bernice Cromer, Lena Hurst, Thelma Hurst and son Jeff, Mr. and Mrs. Mark Owens and son Ian, Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Hurst and Mr. and Mrs. W.A. Owens.

Sunday Visitors of Mary Jane Randolph, Linda and Arvil were: Jack and Betty Whitaker and Owen and Marie Burton.

Little Christopher Faulkner of Brothead spent Saturday night with his mamaw and papaw Martin. Meeda Cash recently returned from a trip to Indianapolis, Indiana where she visited her sister Beattie Smith and family and daughter Carol Stepp and family. Carol and Danny Stepp brought her home and spent a few days.

Myrtle Reynolds recently returned from spending a week with her son Ronnie Woodson and family Micki Jo, Matthew and Zachary in Lexington.

Mr. and Mrs. Rick Reynolds, Jeremy and Torrie returned home from West Chester, Ohio on Sunday night. Rick had been in revival there last week and his family joined him there for the weekend.

Barry and Linda VanHook of Somerset were in the community on Sunday and took his mother, Bertha VanHook and his aunt, Sally Brown, out for Sunday dinner.

John Dyer of Good Hope passed away April 9 at Lake Cumberland Regional Hospital. Burial was Tuesday in Liberty Baptist Church Cemetery. His sister, Mrs. Audrey Blanton lives here in Willaila. Sympathy is extended to the family.

The Poplar Grove Baptist Church will be in revival April 9th through May 5th at 7:30 p.m. each evening. Speaker will be Evangelist Darrell Genfly.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur (Juanita) McHargue of Green Wood, Ind. spent the weekend with her father, Jim Stevens.

Stanley Hobbs, husband of the late Lorraine Thompson Hobbs has returned to the Sowder Home after spending several days in the Rockcastle County Hospital.

Mrs. Betty Cotrell remains very ill and bedfast at her home with her children caring for her.

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**Quail News**

By Vivian Owens

Sunday visitors of Mrs. Selia Scogins were her nephew David Elder of Eubank and Mrs. Marie Alcorn.

Mr. and Mrs. Steve Tracy of Versailles visited her mother Mrs. Zelma Hayes and Tommy Saturday.

Mrs. Butch Carl of Versailles spent Friday night with her mother Mrs. Zelma Hayes and Tommy.

Mrs. Vivian Owens and Mrs. Ronald Rogers visited Mrs. Roger's niece Mrs. Mark Lawson and son, who visited Mrs. Roger's mother Mrs. Willie (Shug) Todd at the Sowder Nursing Home at Brothead.

Mrs. Edna Caldwell visited Mrs. Fannie Albright Friday.

Mrs. Pat Burdett, Mrs. James Bradley and Mrs. Fannie Albright visited Mrs. Mae Doan at the Good Samaritan Hospital at Lexington Sunday afternoon. She is slowly improving. We wish her a speedy recovery.

Mrs. Mary McKinney spent Tuesday and Wednesday with Mrs. Mattie Owens.

**Livingston News**

By Frances Dickerson

Mrs. Minnie Garmor, her daughter Reni and her granddaughter of Fal-mouth visited Mr. and Mrs. Lee Mullins during the week.

Matthew Bond of Mt. Vernon spent the weekend with his grandparents Mr. and Mrs. L.D. Bond.

Sympathy is extended to the Mahaffey family, Virginia, Mr. Everett Mahaffey's sister, passed away and was buried in Richmond, Indiana this past week.

Mr. and Mrs. Danny Browning of London visited the Burdine Family Sunday.

Little Sarah Beth Burdine spent Friday night in the Rockcastle Hospital. She is back home doing much better.

Mrs. Lena McClure visited Charles in the V.A. Hospital in Lexington Saturday. She reports Mr. Charles doing much better.

Last weekend visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Durham were Mr. and Mrs. Bud McGuire, Mr. and Mrs. David Crest and their two children Kali and Kyle, grandson Robby and two great granddaughters Leanna and Ashley, all of Franklin, Ohio.

Harold Durham was in Berea Hospital for surgery last week. He is back home doing fine.

Mrs. Minnie Ponder remains about the same.

Stuart Mullins of Frankfort visited his grandparents Mr. and Mrs. Lee Mullins Saturday.

**Fairview News**

By Mrs. Hubert Chasteen

Our Sunday School attendance at Fairview April 9 was ninety (90).

Also our Building Dedication Service was held during our morning service. The dedicatory message was brought by Bro. Delbert Butts of Louisville. Following the morning service a pot-luck dinner was served in the Educational building.

Our spring revival began on Sunday night April 9th with Bro. Delbert Butts as the evangelist. So all in all

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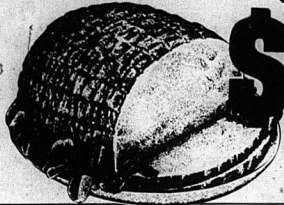


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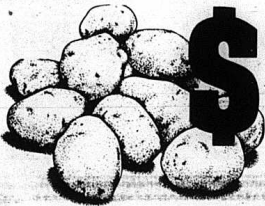
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Music Director Greg Daugherty leads the Middle School Chorus in their "Share the Music" program they sang at the "Earth Day Rap" held in Somerset.



Pictured is Roy Brown, Chairman of the Rockcastle County Soil Conservation District presenting Greg Daugherty, music director of the Rockcastle County Middle School a plaque of appreciation for the school.

## Middle School Chorus sings for "Earth Day Rap"

Eighteen of the Rockcastle County Middle School Chorus students performed on March 27 at the Holiday Inn in Somerset for the Area Kentucky Association of Conservation Districts' Meeting. There were 23 counties represented at this meeting. Under the direction of Greg Daugherty, the Middle School music director, the students performed a song that promoted conservation called "Earth Day Rap." It was published by MacMillan/McGraw-Hill publishing Company, author was Doug Good-

kin. The name of the program was "Share the Music." This was a unique performance in the sense that this was the first time in the state of Kentucky that the promotion of conservation was done by music. This was a very exciting experience for everyone. The group will also perform this number for the Forward in the Fifth Organization at Boone Tavern in Berea on April 17 at 6 p.m. and at the State Convention of the Kentucky Association of Conservation Districts in Fort Mitchell, in July.



## To the People of Rockcastle County

My qualifications should warrant giving me the opportunity to serve as your P.V.A. Of the applicants in the county I have the highest score on the exam which the state uses to determine who qualifies to be a P.V.A. Also, I have worked with tax problems of people for 22 years.

I will do my best to try and help the tax payers of Rockcastle County. I know from talking to many of the people that there are several concerns which worry them. I want to work closely with the people, if I am elected, and help take care of these concerns. I will be fair and friendly with everyone.

Thank You,

Vote For and Elect  
DOUGLAS  
GLYN **BULLOCK**  
for P.V.A.



Pictured is Harry Evans, Area Earth Team Volunteer Coordinator for the Natural Resources Conservation Service presenting each of the students with a Earth Team Volunteer t-shirt.

these students and their unique way of promoting conservation. The Dis-

trict would also like thank Mr. Daugherty and the students for all their efforts and the time they volunteered to put this program together.

## Quality of education change for students in Rockcastle County

Students in Rockcastle County have experienced many new encounters and situations this school year which will improve the quality of their education. The new high school facility with innovations such as block scheduling, integration of subject areas, applied academics (Tech Prep/SREB), technology, and continuing to adjust to the learning strategies of Kentucky's education reform. These changes have also been seen by students at the Rockcastle County

Middle School (RCMS) who entered their facility for the first time this 1994-95 school year. Now, just as the middle school students seem to have gotten familiar with their new situation, they must adjust to their upcoming 9th grade year at RCHS.

This new adjustment began last week when the 8th grade students at RCMS were taken to the high school. During the opening presentation, administrators, counselors, teachers and students explained the different

programs available at RCHS. Classes such as technology education, practical living, applied academics, and the new Junior Reserve Officer Training Corp. (JROTC) were explained. The students were instructed as to how they should select their classes, discuss these choices with both parents/teachers and then register for classes next week. Finally the students were divided into groups and taken on a tour of the high school by RCHS students.

### Rockcastle County Elementary Schools MENU

- April 17 - April 21, 1995
- Breakfast**  
Monday: Pancake Porky, juice, milk  
Tuesday: Cereal, Pop Tart, juice, milk  
Wednesday: Toasted cheese sandwich, juice, milk  
Thursday: Scrambled egg, buttered toast, juice, milk  
Friday: Pancakes, syrup/butter, sausage, juice, milk
- Lunch**  
Monday: Pizza, corn, green beans, milk, fruit  
Tuesday: Steak nuggets, parsley potatoes, spiced apples, roll, milk, peanut butter square  
Wednesday: Hotdog or childlog on bun, french fries, cole slaw, milk, jello/whipped cream topping  
Thursday: Roast beef/gravy, whipped potatoes, green beans, roll, milk, pudding  
Friday: Taco salad, potato rounds, milk, dessert

### Rockcastle County Middle and High School MENU

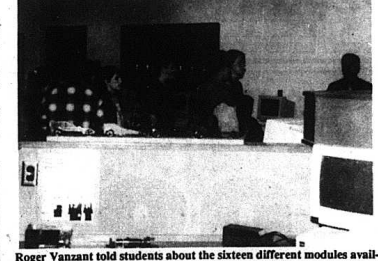
- April 17 - April 21, 1995
- Breakfast will be served each day.**  
Monday: Chef salad or pizza, corn, garden salad, milk, choice of offered desserts  
Tuesday: Chef salad or chicken fried steak/gravy, parsley potatoes, broccoli/cheese sauce, roll, milk, choice of offered desserts  
Wednesday: Chef salad or fish nuggets and macaroni/cheese, potato wedges, cole slaw, hush puppies, milk, choice of offered dessert  
Thursday: Chef salad or Taco salad, potato rounds, milk, choice of offered desserts  
Friday: Chef salad or cheeseburger on bun, seasoned fries, lettuce and pickles, milk, choice of offered desserts



Ms. Janice Miller, Counselor instructed 8th grade students in the various opportunities they will have next year at RCHS.



Dale Whitaker, counselor, tells students what Junior Reserve Officer Training Corp. (JROTC) offers students toward their career choices.



Roger Vanzant told students about the sixteen different modules available to teach students the latest in educational technology.



Ms. Janice Miller instructs students as to their group assignment while Dale Whitaker assigns high school students to tour guides.

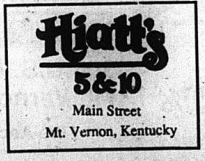


Above, 8th grade students see applied learning taking place as Ryan Riddle's students prepare slides for an activity in their "Wellness" module.

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# Births & Birthdays



Whoop-to-do  
Whoop-to-de  
On April 14th  
You'll be 33!  
Happy Birthday Mom  
Love,  
Erica, Jessica, Kristina, Patric



Andy and Jennifer Elam of Brodhead wish to announce the birth of their first child, a son, William Tyler Scott, born February 16, 1995 at 7:20 a.m. He weighed 7 lbs. and 12 oz. and was 20 inches long at birth. Maternal grandparents are Wayne and Lois Harrison of Brodhead. Paternal grandparents are Eddie and Linda Elam of Crab Orchard. Great grandparents are Everett and Agnes Harrison and William Harvey Stevens all of Brodhead and Pearl Elam of Crab Orchard. Great great grandmother Ollie Harrison of Brodhead.



Hi! My name is Ruby Jessa Hasty. I celebrated my 10th birthday Friday, April 7, at my dad and mom's house, Cecil and Ruth Rucker. There to help me celebrate were my brother Little Cecil, my unnnaw and papaw, Bob and Berniece Rucker, my aunt Mary Hasty and uncle Billy and Clyde Hasty. I received many nice gifts. Thanks to all. I love you.

## "Wreck"

(Cont. from front)

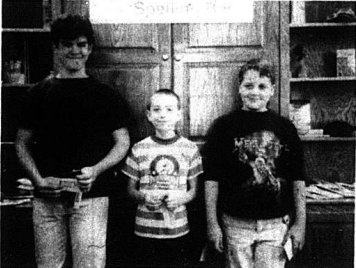
Besides the child's mother, Melinda Lee Saylor, 23, of Stanford, the other passenger was Alice McPerson, 17, of Crab Orchard. Neither Melinda Saylor nor McPerson were injured.

Brummett and Saylor were the fifth and sixth people to drown at Lake Lavielle since it was built. Delaney said that Burke was arrested at the scene after he failed a sobriety test.

Burke is employed at Taylor's Produce at Brodhead and lived with his parents and a daughter in Negro Creek.



The Rockcastle County Horticulture classes have been busy this spring, growing plants in their greenhouse. We will be selling vegetables, annual flowers and hanging baskets. We plan to open Saturday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. We will also open Wednesday and Thursday afternoons from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. In the picture above, is two of our FFA officers, Ben Ponder and Ronnie Reppert, working in the greenhouse.



Rockcastle County Schools 1995 District Spelling Bee for grades 4-8 was held March 15 at the Central Administration Building. Shaun Jones, an eighth grader at Rockcastle County Middle School, was declared County Champion and went on to compete in the Kentucky Derby Festival State Spelling Bee on Saturday, April 8 in Louisville. Congratulations to Shaun and the other school winners pictured: Shaun Jones (District Winner), Joseph Lambert, Mt. Vernon Elementary School (District Runner-up), and Cody Laswell, Roundstone Elementary School.

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## Tiger Pause

Our "Citizen of the Week" representatives for April 10-17 are Brandon Cole from Primary and Beth Durham from the 4th and 5th grade classes. Brandon is an eight year old student in Mrs. Harrison's Primary class. Beth is a 9 year old 4th grade student of Mrs. Reynolds. Both of these students have demonstrated

perfect attendance from the beginning of this award, good behavior and both are outstanding students. Congratulations Beth and Brandon!

The P.T.A. will meet Thursday, April 13, (today) at 7 p.m. in the cafeteria. Please try to attend. Allen Pensol will speak concerning a new project we will be participating in with the Audubon Society.

Saturday, April 15, will be the Broodhead Alumni Banquet. You may register by calling 758-8512.

Storybook characters were seen parading through the halls of Brookhead Elementary School on Tuesday, April 4! As part of the Book It Program, Mrs. Annette's and Mrs. Cindy's classes dressed as their favorite storybook characters and shared enjoyable pizzas provided by Pizza Hut, and the classes were treated to stories read by very special readers. Mr McKinney shared two of his favorite books, and Shelby Reynolds read a wonderful "Jack" tale. Not only did these guests add to the celebration, but Mother Goose herself rode in to share her famous rhymes.



Mrs. Annette, Mrs. Cindy and Mrs. Diane dress as their favorite storybook character.

## Mt. Vernon Message

Remember that April is Child Abuse Prevention Month. We will be distributing blue ribbons for students

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## Calendar of Events APRIL 1995

April 13: 4-H Demonstration Contest - RCMS; Writing portfolio scores due in Central Office  
April 16: Easter

April 17-28: KIRIS Assessment - Please help children to be here every day.

April 21: Math Portfolio scores are due in Central Office  
April 26: Secretaries' Day; Performance events testing for 4th graders

April 27: Roller Blades program 2 p.m. - 5 cents admission  
April 28: Fourth Grade bowling Trip

5th Graders - Don't forget your physicals and second MMR's. You must have this before you enter RCMS.

We have a dress code. Shorts may be worn by students in grades K-3. Clothing for students in grades 4-5 should be within two inches of the knee. (No bikers shorts or leggings.)

P3, 4th and 5th grade students are those involved with the KIRIS Assessment.

Dear Parents, Students at Mt. Vernon Elementary School will be involved in the Kentucky Instructional Results Information (KIRIS) assessment during April 17-28. Following are some things that you can do before the assessment to help your child feel calm and confident.

1. Help your child feel confident about taking the test. Express confidence in your child's ability to do well.
2. Have a relaxed environment. Avoid any activities and conversations that may arouse anxiety, conflict or unpleasantness.
3. Try to avoid applying disciplinary measures to any member of the family on the evening before the test.
4. Have your child go to bed early enough to get plenty of rest.
5. Set the clock to alarm a little early in order to allow your child time to eat and dress without rushing.

6. See that clothes that your child likes and feels comfortable in are laid out so that frantic searches are avoided.

7. Be sure that paper, pencils, and other needed school materials are together and located where they will not be forgotten in the morning.

8. You may want to talk briefly about the test in an encouraging way. Let your child know that you understand how difficult tests are, but you are confident in his/her ability to do well. Emphasize that test results help in planning the child's instructional program.

9. Ask your child to do as well as he/she can. Think of something that would be very pleasing to your child and say that this will be the reward following the test.

10. Let all conversation about testing be casual and brief.

11. Prepare a good breakfast for your child, but not a heavy one.

12. Be sure that your child is not late for school.

13. The test is constructed to be given in a group setting. Children seldom do as well when given the test individually. Therefore, it is very important that your child be in school Monday to take the test and finish with the other students. Please make school attendance a priority!

John Robert Griffith  
The Easter Hat

Easter nite there came the Easter bunny with all the Easter eggs hidden in the house and outside too. Easter Day I hunted and hunted, hunted, hunted, hunted and so I found a couple of Easter eggs. The colors were purple, red, blue, orange and yellow.

Joseph Charles Rauch  
Clifford's Happy Easter

Clifford likes Easter. Lots of his friends came over. He loves it when they come to his house to play. You should have seen him. It was so funny. All of his friends were laughing at him. Clifford was playing with puppies and Clifford was so big and the puppies were so little. Clifford and the puppies rolled and played in the grass. Shelby was laughing at her puppies. Even his owner started laughing. She was very happy to see him laughing. The puppies were laughing so she bought a dog bed for Clifford, Shelby and the puppies. A dog bed he loved it so much always sleeps in it. He even put his puppies in the dog bed. The puppies liked it to. Maybe you can lay in it to mom said to the first puppy.

Heather Nicole Wells  
Mrs. Smith's author of the week is Leslie Stewart

The Three Little Birds  
Once upon a time there was a

and they like her. She is a pretty nice dog but not sometimes. Sometimes she is a very mean dog but not sometimes she's pretty good sometimes I love her a lot and I can tell she loves me a lot. She jumps on me all the time but I don't care. I play with her all the time and my sister plays with her too. My daddy loves her too and my mommy loves her too. My brother plays with her too and Baby likes them.

Brandon Scot Collins

Easter Day

One day I got up out of bed and ate all of my breakfast. I got dressed for school. Then I got on the bus and sat with my sister and another girl. Then I got off of the bus at Mt. Vernon Elementary. Then I got in the school and got in the class room and started to play with my friends. Bryce and Or Wayne wanted to get ten pencils. Jamie wanted to get four pencils. They went back to the classroom and it was time for class to start and we worked and we worked until it was time to go home. I went to bed early and the next day was Easter Day and I found a lot of Easter stuff.

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The Three Little Birds

Once upon a time there was a

mother bird. She had three little birds. One day the mother bird died. And the three little birds were all alone. The next day there was a great big fire in the forest. The three little birds had to fly away.

Leslie Stewart

Mrs. Vanzant's authors of the week are Melinda Lindsey and Sabrina Vest.

The Colored Easter Eggs

Once upon a time I saw some Easter eggs moving, and they said, "Are you alive?" "Yes, I am alive" said Tressie. Melinda said, "Tressie did you hear them talking to me?" "Yes, I heard them talking to you." Hay! said Rebecca, "I have seven Easter eggs." "Do you want some of them?" said Rebecca. "Yes, we do." Now she gave us four Easter eggs. Rebecca has three Easter eggs. When I got home I cracked it and there was a chick in it. I was so happy.

Melinda Marie Lindsey

My Bonnet

One day I was wearing my bonnet. On Easter and I was sitting on a seat. I was sad because the other kids didn't let me play with them. I wanted to play jump rope with them.

Sabrina Faye Vest

Mrs. Carter's author of the week is Ashley Lunsford

Today we had some chicks popping out of their shells. They were wet when they got out of the shell. Then they got dry and they were yellow. Dusten got to take one of the chick's home.

Ashley Lunsford

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# 4-H News

By John McQueary  
County Extension Agent  
for 4-H

## 4-H Sewing Projects Completed

The Rockcastle County 4-H Sewing Projects have been underway the past 5 weeks. 32 youth from 3 elementary schools and middle school participated in this annual event.

Unit 1 youth constructed a simple skirt or shorts. Unit 2 made a skirt or vest and Unit 3 made simple dresses. The 4-H'ers will need to turn their garments in to

## the County Extension Office by Friday, April 28th.

Home Economics Agent Hazel Jackson would like to express her thanks to each youth and a Special Thanks to all the leaders who assisted at the schools. They are: Betty Castro, Jean Artist, Sharon Lovell, Gina Nicely, Judy Mullins, Jeweldean Durham, Karen Robinson, Judy Childress, Ruby Cornelius, Delilah Blair, Loreta Rogers, Linda Williams & Melanie

## Lyons.

The County 4-H Fashion Revue will be held on Tuesday, May 9th at the Rockcastle County Middle School at 7:00 p.m. Come on out and see what these 4-H'ers have

## made!

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## FHA hosts annual star events

By Reporter Sharon Hensley

On March 21, the Rockcastle County High School hosted the annual regional Future Homemakers of America (FHA) STAR events. (STAR stands for Students Taking Action with Recognition).

At this competition, students from the 13th region including Laurel, Jackson and Clay counties competed in events that are directed towards increasing self esteem, building

speaking skills, and communication skills. A Super Star is one with the highest score in any one event, this also assures competition in the next division of STAR events.

Officers and members from the Rockcastle Chapter that competed are as follows: Julie Allen-Child Development-Super Star; Lindsay Dowell-Culinary skills; Bethanie Hammond-Creed-Super Star; Sharon Hensley-Facts Test-Super Star; Ginger Mink-Illustrated Talk-Super Star;

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Jaime Parkey-Consumer Analysis-Super Star; and Shauna Stevens-Job Interview-Super Star.

Super Star winners will go on to compete in State STAR events in Louisville on April 25-27.

## Teen Center Schedule

April 13: Special Speaker  
April 14: Closed - Good Friday  
April 16: May this Easter be filled with love.  
April 17: Straight talk  
April 18: Youth day ages 10-12  
April 19: 3 on 3 volleyball  
April 20: Community service  
April 21: Youth day age 10-12

My Companion  
By Bill Carr

I wouldn't think of starting out to face the coming day.  
Without a "thank you word" to God

to help me on my way.  
For when things seem uncertain,  
And my steps may falter too.  
It is then I ask the Father  
For his help to do what I do.  
Yes, He's always there to help me  
When I stumble and I fall,  
To give me aid, and pick me up  
And guide me through it all.  
What a wonderful companion  
What a joy in life - to know  
That the Father God walks with me  
no matter where I go.  
May your Easter be filled with love  
and kindness.  
Rockcastle Teen Center Staff



These youth from Roundstone Elementary School are enjoying the 4-H Sewing Projects.

## Mole Hole opens in Somerset



Iris Parker of Livingston has opened the Mole Hole in Somerset. A shop that carries unique gifts for just about any occasion. The Mole Hole will hold a grand opening Saturday with a ribbon cutting ceremony at 12 p.m. Among the prizes during the grand opening will be \$50 gift certificates. Refreshments will also be served. The Mole Hole is open seven days a week and located in the Tradewinds Shopping Center.

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## Rockets' Diamond 9 beats Lynn Camp; takes it on the chin at Lincoln County

After a slugfest at Lynn Camp last Thursday afternoon which the Rockets finally won 24-19, the Lincoln County Patriots took advantage of weak pitching Friday afternoon by the Rockets to take a 15-4 victory in 4 1/2 innings. Jon Pope got the victory.

In the Lincoln County game, eighth grader Brooks Ingram got the call to start and was rocked in the first inning for 5 runs by the Patriots with the Rockets single run in the inning coming on a single by Dee Thomas which scored Scottie Cotton who had gotten on base with a double.

In the second inning, David King and Jimmy Houk got singles and Travis Anderkin came through with a sacrifice bunt advancing the runners. Lead off hitter Chris Bishop opposed to second and Cotton hit the ball to the shortstop who muffed the play, followed by an error on the right fielder and King and Houk scored to bring the Rockets within two at 5-3. That was the closest the Patriots came back in the second to score eight runs, one on a wild pitch. John Hammond came in relief in the inning.

No run came across the plate for the Rockets in the third inning and the Patriots were held to one run on a walk and two stolen bases and then a single, scoring the run. The highlight of the inning came on two pick-offs, at second from catcher Jared Singleton to second baseman Chris Bishop.

The Rockets scored one run in the 4th on a single by Scottie Cotton which scored Travis Anderkin who had walked and stole his way to third base.

The wheels really came off for the Rockets in the bottom of the 4th. The inning started out with a hit batter who promptly stole, second and third were thrown out at home on a throw from Bishop to Singleton -- he was actually called out for not sliding at the plate. On a 3-0 count on the third batter, Corey Scott was brought in in relief but was unable to get his control and lefty George Durham had to be called to the mound.

Durham got the batter to hit to second and Bishop promptly brought the ball home for the second out but the runners scored on the next batter who got a single and it was 14-5 at the end of four.

The Rockets couldn't score in the top of the 5th and the game was called on the ten run rule.

The Rockets got some measure of revenge in the Jayvee three-inning game with the younger Rockets taking a 6-1 victory behind strong pitching by sophomore Derek Tompkins.

The Jayvees took a 1-0 lead in the first inning off a single by Travis

Anderkin who later came home on a single by Tompkins.

Errors in the second helped the Rockets to push their lead to 4-0. Jason Dillingham took first on an error on a throw from third to first; Andrew Simpson got a walk; a bunt by Kevin Bullen got the runner at third; Kyle Childers was safe on an error on the second baseman and Dillingham scored; Corey Scott got a single to score Bullen; Ronnie Vanzant was safe on a roller down first and the bases were loaded. Travis Anderkin came to the plate and got a hit up the middle to score a run; Marcus Repper hit a 3-1 pitch which forced the runner at home and Derek Tompkins got a single to score two runs for the 6-0 lead at the end of two.

At Corbin Saturday, in a doubleheader, the Rockets couldn't come up with the timely hit and their pitching was again weak as they dropped a doubleheader 7-4 and 10-6.

In the bottom of the second, Scottie Cotton on the mound, the Rockets took an early 1-0 lead and held it until the bottom of the second when Corbin came back and scored two runs.

The Rockets scored two in the third on singles by Chris Bishop and Scottie Cotton and a double by Dee Thomas but Corbin came right back in the bottom and scored two to retake the lead at 4-3.

In the Corbin fourth, Cotton gave up five singles and three more runs scored for a 7-3 lead at the end of four.

Chris Bishop walked to lead off the Rocket 5th, stole to third, and later came home on a fielder's choice by Derek Tompkins to narrow the gap to 7-4 and this was the way the game would end.

The second game, with George Durham pitching, saw Dusty McClure rap out a double for his first at-bat of the season and later scored on a single by Scottie Cotton for a 1-0 lead for the Rockets.

It was the bottom of the second before Corbin was able to get on the board and they did with a lead-off double by their clean-up man Jack Willis who then scored on a hit by the Dwan Harris. Cotton got the next run on a strike out but catcher Sam Miller then got a single, scoring Harris and the Redhounds had a 2-1 lead.

The Rockets came back in the third. With one out, Dee Thomas and Jared Single each were issued walks and Derek Tompkins put down a sac bunt to advance the runners. Jason Childress came through with a triple to the right field corner and the Rockets

were again ahead 3-2.

It was the bottom of the 4th before any more runners were put on the board and Corbin picked up four runs for a 6-3 lead.

It was the top of the 6th before any more runs were put on the board and the Rockets tied the score at 6-6. David King started the inning off on base after an error on the second baseman; Travis Anderkin got a hit by the shortstop; Dusty McClure took a walk; Cotton hit a single and two runs scored and Tompkins was safe on a fielder's choice which scored McClure.

The Redhounds' fourth inning spelled doom for the Rockets by pushing four runs across for the final 10-6.

Jon Pope took the mound for the Rockets in their home game against the East Co. Engineers but the Engineers were primed and ready with their bats -- five singles and a homerun gave the Engineers a 5-0 lead to start the game. The Rockets managed two runners aboard in their part of the first inning but were unable to get a runner across the plate.

In the second, Pope held the engineers scoreless with the help of a pick-off and a live-drive double play from Bishop at second to King at third.

The Rockets managed two runs in the bottom of the inning after a walk was issued to Jason Childress who promptly stole second. David King came through with a single that scored Childress. King took second on the throw to home, stole third and scored on a bunt single by Travis Anderkin for a 5-2 score.

The Engineers were scoreless in the third and the Rockets came closer in their part of the inning. Derek Tompkins took first after being hit for the second time in the game and then came home on a homerun by Dee Thomas over the center field wall. A walk was then issued to Jared Singleton but it was not as valuable as the next two men were strike-out victims and Dusty McClure, who was inserted as a speed runner for Singleton, was thrown out stealing second.

The Engineers put three runs across in the top of the fourth on three singles.

In the Rockets fourth, no runs scored but the Engineers added two runs in their half of the 5th inning for a 10-4 score.

The Rockets went down in order in the bottom of the 5th on strikeouts. Estil County made hay in the top of the 6th with three straight doubles and two singles for a 15-4 lead and the Rockets were in danger of playing a shortened game because of the run rule. However, the Rockets managed to avoid this dilemma when David King scored on a Jimmy Houk

2-2 single making it 15-6 after six.

In the 7th, the Engineers added two to their score for a 17-6 lead and the Engineer's coach decided he could change out several players, including his pitcher.

The Rockets made a comeback in the bottom of the 7th, thanks to several error and hits but it was an error on the pitcher with two out that really gave the Rockets life. The Rockets had scored two runs when the pitcher dropped a Dusty McClure pop up. Tompkins immediately doubled to score two more, Dee Thomas pulled a walk and Jared Singleton walked to

walk a run in for a 17-11 score. Ronnie Vanzant then doubled to score three runs and it was 17-14 but the Rockets luck ran out when David King was a strikeout victim for the third out.

In the Jayvee game with Chris Bishop pitching, the Rockets took a 1-0 lead when Travis Anderkin scored on single by Nathan DeLeon. Anderkin was speed running for Bishop who had doubled to start the inning.

The Engineers came back in the second and scored two runs, both on steals to home to lead 2-1.

It was the bottom of the fourth

before anymore runs were scored, when with one out, Nathan DeLeon singled, Jared Martin singled and George Durham scored both on a ground rule double for the final 3-2 win.

The Rockets next game is Thursday (tonight) at Knox Central with a varsity and Jayvee game scheduled; Friday night they are at home to Jackson Co.; Saturday they will travel to Richmond Model for a varsity doubleheader; Monday they will host Corbin and Tuesday will travel to Clay County.

## Lady Rockets are 7-1

The Rockcastle County Lady Rockets softball team started their 1995 campaign off with a bang winning over their first eight games.

In a thriller Friday night at home against Garrard County, sophomore Susie Carpenter hit a three run homer in the bottom of the seventh inning with two outs to push the Rockets over the visiting Lions 16-15.

The Rockets started the seventh inning down 15-11. Senior Donna Cash got the inning started with a single, advanced on a pass ball and sophomore Amber Coffey drove Cash in with a double. After two outs were put on the scoreboard by the Rockets, Coffey was singled in by sophomore Amy Robinson. Senior Angie Moore then blasted a double to put runners at second and third when Carpenter belted her three run game winning homer.

On the mound for the Rockets was Amy Robinson who picked up her third win for the Rockets.

Statistically for the Rockets win - Melinda Smith was 0 for 4 scoring one run; Becky Osborne was 3 for 4

scoring one run; Amy Robinson was 2 for 4 scoring two runs; Angie Moore was 3 for 3 with one homerun and scoring three runs; Susie Carpenter was 3 for 4 with that three run homer and scoring one run; Ginger Mink was 0 for 3; Amanda Osborne was 0 for 3 scoring one run; Kristi Moore was 2 for 3 scoring one run; Donna Cash was two for two scoring three runs; Amber Coffey was three for three scoring one run; Monica Phillips scored one run for the Rockets as did Heather Deckard.

In the second game of the night against the Lady Lions, the Rockets blasted the Lions 17-5 in three innings. Robinson picked up her fourth win on the season.

For the game - Melinda Smith was 2 for 2 scoring three runs; Becky Osborne was 0 for 1 scoring two runs; Amy Robinson was 2 for 3 scoring three runs; Angie Moore was 1 for 2 scoring two runs; Susie Carpenter was 1 for 2 scoring one run; Ginger Mink was 0 for 2 scoring one run; Amanda Osborne was 2 for 2 with a homerun and a run scored;

Tiffany McClure was 0 for 2 with one run scored; Donna Cash picked up two walks and two runs scored and Amber Coffey was 1 for 2 with a run scored.

The Lady Rockets came away with two wins over Jackson County in their season opener. In the first game the Rockets defeated the Generals 18-5 in a game which was called after the one-hour-and-a-half time limit.

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Amy Robinson picked up her first win of the season over the Generals.

Statistically for the Rockets - Melinda Smith picked up two walks and scored two runs; Becky Osborne was one for two scoring two runs; Amy Robinson was 1 for 1 with two run homer and scoring three runs; Tiffany McClure was 1 for 2 with one run scored; Angie Moore was 1 for 1 with two runs scored; Susie Carpenter with two runs scored; Susie Carpenter with two runs scored; Susie Carpenter with two runs scored;

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## Rockcastle Lady Rockets Banquet



Coaches Christy Noble and David Perkins were honored by the seniors at their banquet. From left are: Becky Osborne, Melinda Smith, Coach Noble, Tanner Perkins, Coach Perkins, Heather Deckard and Cliff Mullins.



Members of the Honor Roll Academic All-State are shown above. Front row from left: Melinda Smith, Becky Osborne, Amy Robinson. Back row from left: Melinda Akorn, Renea Bowles, Susie Carpenter, Amber Coffey and Kristy Moore.

In the photo above: Nikki Bullock, Ginger Mink, Jessica Albright, Dana Thacker and Tracy Sears were named to Academic First Team All-State. To receive this honor a student athlete must have a 3.7 GPA or higher.



RCHS girls' head basketball coach Christy Noble honored her entire team and staff as being the 1994-95 most valuable players. Those honored were: Melinda Smith, Becky Osborne, Dee Reams, Susie Carpenter, Amanda Osborne, Honey

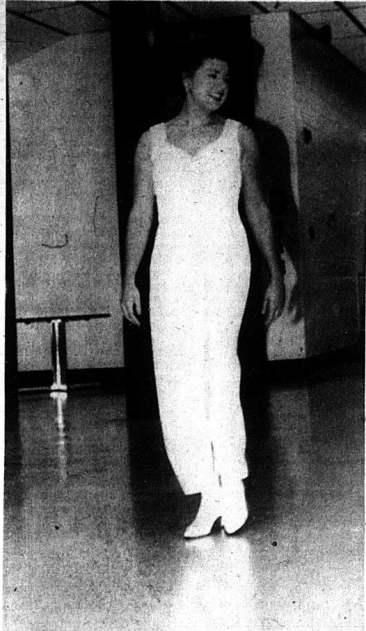


Seniors honored with plaques and sweatshirts at the banquet were Becky Osborne, Heather Deckard, Coach Noble and Melinda Smith.

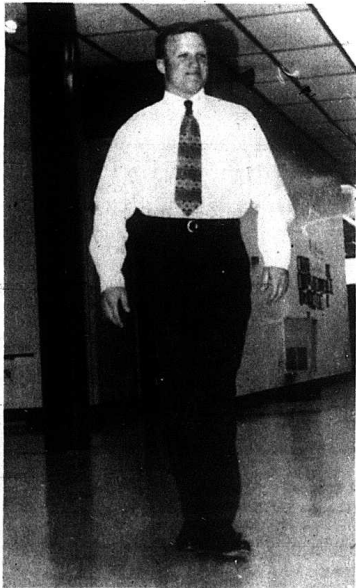


## 1995 Kiwanis-McAlpin Style Show

A large crowd attended the first annual Kiwanis-McAlpin Style Show held at the Rockcastle Middle School Sunday. A luncheon was served before the show. Several local men and women joined McAlpin's models to show the spring and summer fashions.  
(photos by Richard Anderkin)



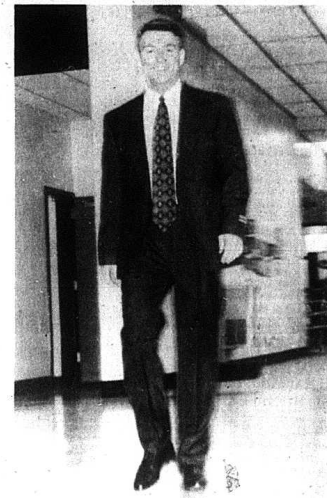
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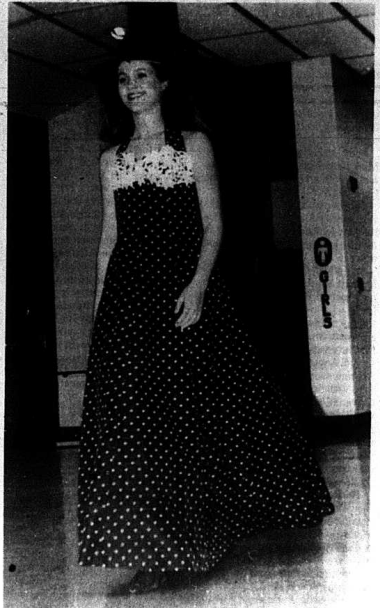
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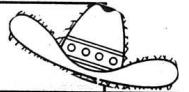
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We have lost our child, not in the courts, but in her home. I am working now to salvage what there is left of my tiny family. We must look to the courts also now to see if there is any justice for us.

It did in some ways turn out in our favor. This brings me to the reason for this letter. I want to thank the friends we now hold so close, the ones who never left our side!

Thank you for printing this, Bill and Sheila Wells

Dear Editor, I have some comments to make regarding Dan McKibben's letter to the Mt. Vernon Signal on March 23 concerning the Catholic Church.

Mr. McKibben, I am Catholic. Catholics have some different religious practices than Protestants, but our basic beliefs are the same. My own personal feeling is that any religion which has as its basic tenets worshipping God, as well as loving and serving the Lord and each other, is a legitimate religion.

How can you say that the doctrines of Catholicism are "rebellion and dissent from these authentic Bible teachings of our doctrines. Just because the Catholic practices are different from those of your experience, Mr. McKibben, doesn't make them any less valid or real, or mean that we worship God any less.

As far as the catechism goes, I am not familiar with the text you quoted. Because you have quoted passages out of context, I cannot interpret what they mean, but it sounds like these authors are using the Catechism as an aid to understanding the Bible.

First, Mr. McKibben, you attacked Ms. Garland, then you attacked Rev. Curtis. Do you feel compelled to have

each other. I love God with all my heart, and believe it or not, Mr. McKibben, I worship the same God as you.

Liz Paulow Gainesville, Florida

To all the good people of Rockcastle County - We Care!

Dear Editor,

We should consider ourselves fortunate to have a real old train caboose located in the City of Mt. Vernon.

Now don't bury our heads in the sand when we have destructive hoodlums in our community. This antique caboose is a landmark for our young people to admire and perhaps use as a museum for our grandchildren that in all probability never rode a train or

saw a caboose before.

If the city council does not see it necessary to spend a little money for something worthwhile, then please let some others take over and restore this wonderful landmark in our city.

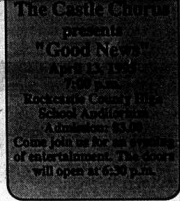
I suggest to restore the caboose completely and to build a high fence around it with a sign that reads as follows:

Warning Private Property Do not enter without proper authority

If damaged by any person or people you will be prosecuted!

If we cannot protect this caboose within 100 feet of the City Hall, lock out they will destroy City Hall next.

I will donate \$50 to help restore this caboose. Think it over folks and don't give up to a bunch of hoodlums. Pass a curfew law to get them off the streets



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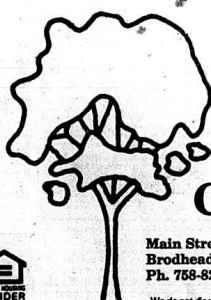
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### Soft Bedding Is NOT Safe For Babies

By Hazel Jackson  
County Extension Agent  
for Home Economics



Unsafe use of soft bedding may contribute to the deaths of as many as 1,800 infants each year, according to a study by the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission.

The two-year study found that up to 30% of the 6,000 babies who die of Sudden Infant Death Syndrome (SIDS) each year may have suffocated to death when placed on top of pillows, comforters, sheepskins, and other soft products.

The findings emphasize the need for parents to be careful when putting their infants down to sleep in their cribs. Parents should never put their babies to sleep on top of soft, fluffy products such as pillows, comforters, or sheepskins. Many parents are buying soft, fluffy infant products for cribs. Such products are beautiful, but parents must remember: never put fluffy products under a baby.

It is important to note that a cause has not been found for SIDS. But this study does show an association between infants placed on top of soft bedding and many deaths attributed to SIDS.

The study found that about 30% of infants who died of SIDS between 1992 and 1993 were found with their noses and mouths covered by soft bedding. Most of those infants had been placed on their stomachs to sleep and were lying either on top of sheepskin bedding, on top of pillows, or on top of comforters.

By using mechanical models to recreate the crib scenes, scientists tested the bedding for carbon dioxide accumulation. Their tests found that high levels of carbon dioxide frequently accumulated in some of the bedding products. Rebreathing their own carbon dioxide may have contributed to the infants' death, the researchers concluded.

These safety guidelines are recommended for infants less than eight (8) months old:

- Place infants to sleep in a crib on a firm, flat mattress.
- Do not place soft, fluffy products, such as pillows, comforters, or sheepskins under infants while they sleep or nap.
- Place healthy infants on their backs or sides to sleep as recommended by the American Academy of Pediatrics.
- Do not use cribs that have missing or broken slats.
- Test the width of crib slats for safety. If an upright soda can will fit between the slats, the crib is unsafe since a baby's head may also fit between the slats.

For more information on safety for your baby's room, contact the Extension Office at 256-2403.

### Products Sold In Our Area That Are Being Recalled By The Consumer Product Safety Commission

- Makita Random Orbit Sander, model B05000. The metal fan can fracture during use causing injury; return for repair to dealer.
- Disney Play 'N' Pop Activity Toy made by Arcotoys (A division of Mattel). The Mickey Mouse key can break off and become a choking hazard; call Arcotoys at (800)442-2664.

- Rivel Electric Crock Grills, Model 5740 & Model 5750. The heating elements can expose consumers to electric shock. Call (800)557-4825 for information on replacement parts.
- Turtle Wax Protectant 10 oz. finger pump spray T-118 (container codes E20410, E20411, E21410 & E21411); Turtle Wax Formula 2001 Spray T-97 (container Code G054601). The product may contain a bacterial contaminant. Call Turtle Wax at (800)885-7695 for refund information.

- Kenner "Colorblaster" 3-D Spray Air Toy model 14290.11. Models with the orange handle and purple cap can fly apart if overpumped. Call Kenner at (800)327-8264 for refund information.

- "Ilex Diddle Diddle" cardboard book marketed by Farrar, Straus & Giroux, Inc. The triangular shaped rattle within the spine of the book can come apart causing a choking hazard. For refund information, contact Farrar, Straus & Giroux at (800)788-6262.
- Singer Sewing Company "Juice Giant Electric Juicers models 774 & 774B. Broken parts of strainer basket & plastic cover may explode from the juicer, causing injury. Call Singer at (800)877-7391 to request a free replacement basket.

- Wooden Toy Truck Recall by Dollar Tree Stores. Nine different styles of trucks are involved, each of painted & natural wood, approximately 5 1/2" long & 2" wide with a permanently attached driver figurine. All trucks involved have a small gold decal on the underside that reads "Made in China". The trucks may come apart and be a choking hazard for young children. Return the trucks to a Dollar Tree Store or phone (800)857-5884.

For more preliminary information on these recalls you may contact the Extension Office at 256-2403.

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## Agricultural News

By Warden Alexander  
County Executive Director  
Consolidated Farm Service Agency  
(formerly ASCS)

Spot checks for carryover tobacco are presently being done by the CFSA Office. Fifteen percent of the reported carryover tobacco for Rockcastle County must be checked by office personnel.

Crop acreage reports are presently being taken for farms which have only hay and/or pasture to report. This crop report can be made, for instance, when you come in to sign a tobacco lease. Avoid the rush of crop certification, come in now and do your crop report if you have only hay

and pasture to certify. The reporting deadline for planted crops (corn and tobacco) is July 15th.

For the Agricultural Conservation Program (ACP) practices available include: new seeding, ponds, critical areas, sod waterways, diversion, forestry practices less than ten acres. For a seeding practice, a current soil test is required. The test must be less than 1 year old and completed through UK. Test results must be submitted upon filing.

Sign up for Wheat and Feed Grain program is currently going on. Deadline for filing an application is April 28th. Come in and check out your options on this year's program.

can be utilized in permanent grass pastures and non-cropland areas. An important aspect when using a herbicide for control is choosing the proper time for the application. Best results are obtained when thistle plants are in the rosette stage of growth, generally in early spring. The rosette stage is when the plant is growing close to the ground in a circular pattern.

Best chemical control occurs when herbicides are applied during March and April. Herbicides which can be used on permanent grass pastures and non-cropland areas include: 2, 4-D, Banvel and Crossbow. For early spring applications, wait until thistle plants are actively growing and air temperatures are above 55 degrees Fahrenheit for 2 to 3 days. Complete spray coverage of the plant's rosette is also important. When herbicides are applied after lower stalks elongate, control will be inconsistent and less effective.

When using a herbicide for control, read and understand the label directions for proper use and any precautionary statements. Avoid spraying on windy days or

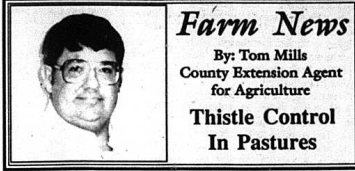
days with high temperature and humidity. Also, avoid spraying when sensitive crops such as tobacco and home gardens are growing nearby.

Mechanical controls, such as mowing or hand-hoeing, should be done before flowers begin to open in the early spring. Some regrowth and production of flowers may occur after mowing; however, seed production will be noticeably less than if plants had not been mowed or hand-hoed. Thistle plants mowed or removed after flowers bloom contain enough stored energy reserves in the stalk to produce viable seed that will germinate into new plants.

Chemicals such as 2, 4-D, Banvel and Crossbow will kill broad leaf plants like red and white clover. For this reason, farmers will need to plan on working thistle control into their rotation when replacing clover.

For more information, contact the County Extension Office.

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### Farm News

By: Tom Mills  
County Extension Agent  
for Agriculture

#### Thistle Control In Pastures

Musk thistle, also known as nodding thistle, can be a serious weed problem in pastures, hayfields and along roadsides. This plant interferes with grazing and limits the amount of available forage to livestock.

Seed is the only method by which musk thistle reproduce. Therefore, limiting seed production is the key to successful control of this plant pest. Mature thistle plants are capable of producing an abundant amount of seed. If

uncontrolled, one mature plant is capable of producing over 40,000 new seed. These seed can then be transported or spread to other areas by wind, contaminated hay, or farm equipment.

As previously indicated, the primary step in an effective thistle control program is to prevent or reduce seed production. This can be accomplished by using chemical, mechanical, or biological control methods.

Chemical control of musk thistle

## The Caring Connection

### An Early Childhood Information Team

#### Newborn baby.....

Congratulations, you have a new baby! And you are a new parent!

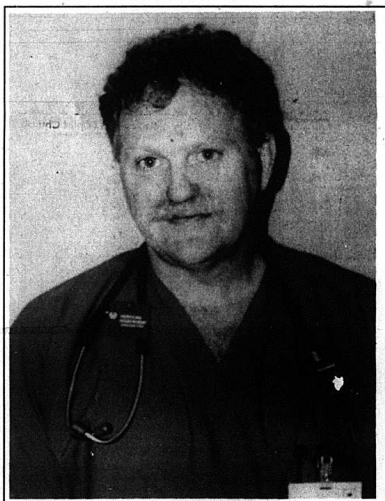
What's it like to be a new parent? Do you sometimes feel that you will never sleep through the night again? Are you a little nervous about taking care of this helpless but demanding baby? Do you feel tired, but excited

too? If you answer yes to any of these questions, then you are like most new parents. Remember one thing: you are not alone.

There are many changes that take place and new things to learn when you become a parent. It doesn't happen overnight.

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We are much more than a long-term facility. Are you aware of the other services offered by your community hospital's Respiratory Care Department?

There are EEG (electroencephalograph) services for all ages. These tests allow a physician to detect any abnormalities in the brain waves. These tests are transmitted to Lexington where they are read by a neurologist.

Pulmonary Function testing is also available. This type of test helps determine if lung function is impaired and to what degree. Another use of these tests is to determine eligibility for Black Lung Benefits. You can also see the amount of improvement achieved after using a bronchodilator.

Stress testing is a very important step in evaluating cardiac function. The patient has lead wires hooked to electrodes placed at various spots on the chest. He/she will then be asked to walk on a treadmill while the technician and physician carefully monitor the function of the heart during the "stress" of walking.

These are just a few of the services offered by our fine hospital's Respiratory Care Department.

Paul Abney  
Asst. Director of Respiratory Care

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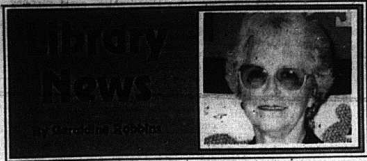
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The Local Art Show is still on display at the library. I am encouraging everyone that hasn't been in to see the art work to please come in before the 22nd and see the excellent work that our local artists have done.

Those people displaying their work are: Pat Keene, Betty Lindholm, Lida and Jessica McEnzie, Betty Cain, Seth Saylor, Eric Hudson, Peggy Robbins, Lawrence Bullock, Betty Whitaker and Joyce Mink. Mitchell Robbins has a great display of decorative gourds and Monica Carmack also has decorative gourds and a quilted vesting. Swamy Cornet has some clay sculptures. I, along with the other staff members and the board of trustees, want to thank everyone that allowed us to exhibit the paintings, drawings, needlework and sculptures. We don't have to go to a large city or even other counties to find a lot of talent in different types of art.

We are hoping that the art show will encourage people who do not use the library to come in and visit with us, see the art work and let us show them the many services we have to offer.

We still have a few of the "Rockcastle County and it's People" history books left for sale. If anyone is interested you might want to check on these soon. There is always a lot of vacationers in the summer and the remainder of the books will soon be gone. There is a new book for sale now that a lot of people will be interested in. The title is, "Anglin Family Secrets" This is a cook book compiled by Irene Anglin Carris with her great niece Carrie Ann Sargeant and consists of many favorite recipes of the Anglin family. Irene was originally from Rockcastle County and was born 60 years ago at Three Links to Henry and Mattie Anglin. She graduated from Mt. Vernon high school and later moved to Ohio and met and married George Carris. She has two daughters, Tonya and Terri. Irene is an amazing woman. She has suffered many great losses, one being a kidney disease. She received two transplants but to her great disappointment lost both and now remains on a kidney machine. Another loss was her husband, George, three years ago. Her latest battle was colon cancer. During her recovery her daughter Tonya suggested that she compile the cookbook to help overcome her depression. It became a reality and was dedicated to the loving memory of her niece Sharon Anglin Kuhne.

The Anglin Family Secrets will be on display at the library. The cost is \$10. We also still have a few of the John Lair books available and the Wildlife Christian Church book.

Two new fiction books that we now have are... *Silent Treatment* by Michael Palmer. . . Physician Michael Palmer has drawn on years of firsthand emergency-room experience to create the drama of a frighteningly authentic world-a world where the line between medicine and murder is scalpel-thin. Now, in his most harrowing suspense novel yet, Palmer

reveals how the power to heal can become a license to kill.

With his wife, Evie, scheduled for surgery the next day, Dr. Harry Corbett goes to the hospital for what he hopes will be a quiet evening of reconciliation. In recent years Evie, never quick to share her feelings, has been more closed and distant than ever. But when Harry reaches Evie's room, it is too late for reconciliation. Shockingly, without warning, Evie is dead. The police suspect homicide and their only suspect is Dr. Harry Corbett.

*Romance* by Ed McBain. . . It's not a mystery, it's a story of survival and triumph. That's what some people say about *Romance*, a would-be hit play about an actress pursued by a knife-wielding stalker. But isn't it romantic! Before the show can open, the leading lady is really attacked, outside the theatre. And before the detectives of the 87th can solve the crime, the same actress is stabbed again. This time for keeps.

A.D.A. Nellie Brand moves in for a murder conviction, but Detective Steve Corolla is sure she's got the wrong guy, and wrestles for the case with Fat Otis Weeks, Isola's foulest cop. While Bert King interviews witnesses and suspects ranging from

the show's producers to the author who last writes novels about cops and knows how it's done-to the lead's lovely understudy, he can't keep his mind off what's happening to him. He's falling in love. With a doctor. Who happens to be a deputy chief surgeon. Who happens to be a black woman.

In the city of Isola, nothing is black and white. In the play *Romance*, no one is guilty or innocent. And in the gritty reality of the 87th precinct, everyone is in love with something, even if it's only murder.

A new non-fiction book that we all might need to be interested in. . . *Cults In Our Midst: The Hidden Menace In Our Everyday Lives* by Jay Lifton. . . Most people believe that cult members are mentally unbalanced or are misfits who live in remote places, like the doomed devotees of Jim Jones or David Koresh. We take comfort in the fact that the influence of cults are far removed from our everyday lives. Nothing could be further from the truth.

Over the past two decades, in the United States alone, an estimated twenty million people have joined cults. Today, three to five thousand cults are working to recruit new members. At any point in time, two-and-a-half to three million Americans are active cult members. Often a cult is disguised as a legitimate business or organization: a restaurant, self-help group, psychotherapy clinic, or leadership training program could be a front for a cult. Anyone-no matter what age or income level-could be susceptible to the covert and seductive nature of a cult.

During periods of traumatic life changes, people are especially vulnerable to these masterful manipu-

lators; a college student away from home for the first time, a grief-stricken widow, or a businessperson transferred by his or her employer to a new and unfamiliar community.

The country's leading authority on cults, Margaret Thaler Singer, calls on her nearly fifty years of expertise to write this definitive book on cults. Written with author and former cult member Janja Lalich, Singer's first

book is a shocking expose' that reveals what cults are and how they work. This compelling book debunks commonly held myths and answers perplexing questions about cults. Again, I want to remind everyone that we have most of the books on the bestsellers list. If they are not available when asked for, we will put the name on our reserve list and call you when the book is available.

mother's house, When I was a little girl, I'd pitter through the cabinets and drawers. I didn't know what I was searching for. Someday, maybe hidden treasures I hoped to find. The day I turned six years old, I discovered a package wrapped in fancy paper, tied with colorful bows. I didn't know who it was for. Perhaps I wasn't supposed to know. Each day I took a peek, Curiosity got the best of me, I asked grandmother who the gift was for. Hoping she'd say it was for me. She'd gently set me on her lap While I tore the paper and bows away, Wearing a tender smile she said "The doll is a special gift, for your birthday."

**Life**  
By Lavone Dyer

Is there life out there? Someone asked. Yes, I replied. Life is temporarily given by God. It's up to us to use it wisely. And not squander precious time. Life is so great, rapidly slipping away. \*Yes, there is life out there.

**Poet's Corner**

**What If**  
By Lavone Dyer

What if you knew that today, The world was coming to an end? Would you regret the unkind words you'd spoken, Or the unchristian like places you'd been?

Would your departing words, To family or dear friends, Been I love you very much, or, Harsh words saying, "I never want to see you again"

Would you still read the same books Though trashy they may be, or, Ask for God's tender mercy, Falling on your knees?

What if you only knew that, This was your very last day? Would you arise quickly, And His commandments obey?

**Life**  
By Lavone Dyer

Life is short Time is ebbing away Make each day count

Live each day to its fullest Have kind words to say.

**A New Start**  
By Lavone Dyer

Dew drops sparkle on the grass In the early morning sun. It show the creative work, the Lord has done.

All day long, we look at His art, It's like we've been given a brand new start.

If we are sorrowful, He brings us joy to warm our hearts. God created the birds with a talent to sing.

Then gave fragrance flowers, Watering them with gentle rains. The fluffy white clouds In a sky of brilliant blue,

Gives a spectacular look for me and you. The Lord placed bright stars and a moon to give light

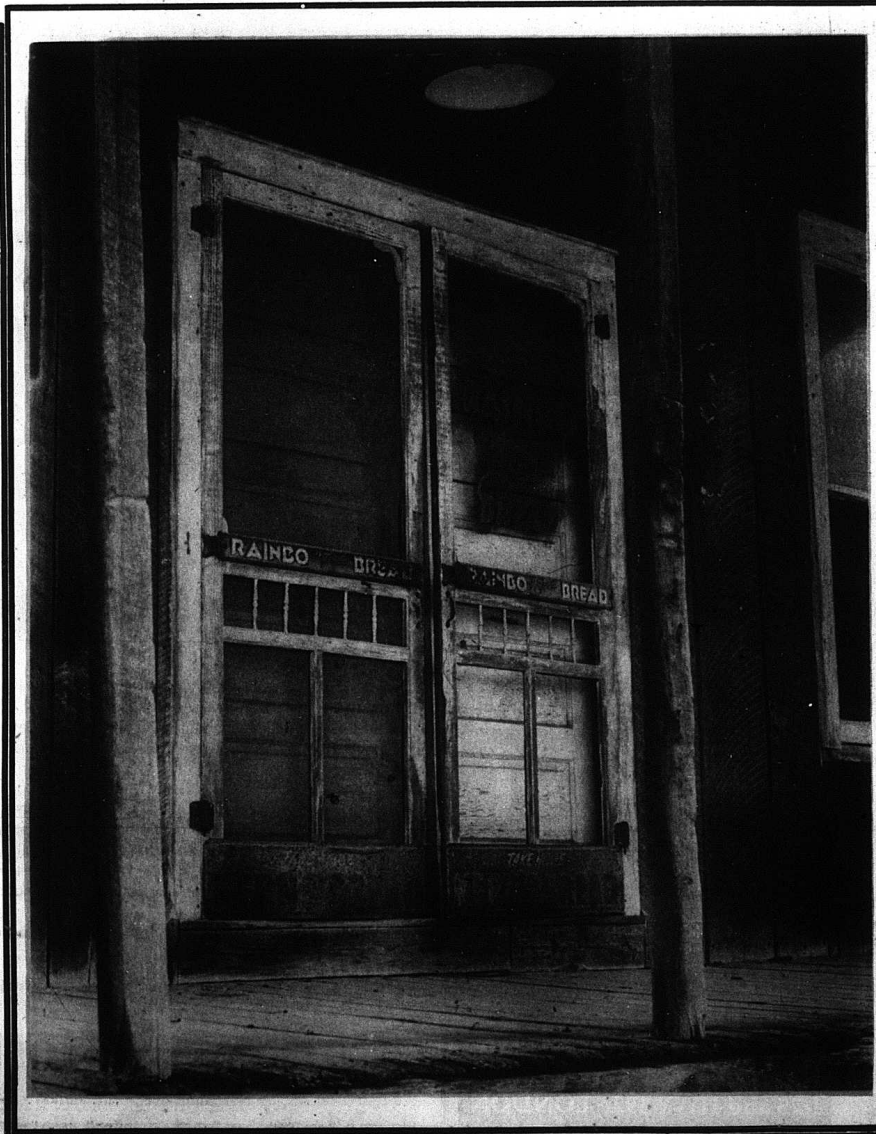
And guide our footsteps in the darknesses of night.

**Grandmother's House**  
By Lavone Dyer

I could hardly wait to get to grand-

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**New Life, Old Memories**

This is the time I like to wander over old pasture fields and orchards pausing often to admire a bed of violets or the blooms that have dressed the young trees in glowing white and delicate pink. Spring is the time for searching out all the nooks and crannies where only a short time ago young sprouts were a nuisance and now they have suddenly turned into young trees dressed in their spring finery. They are a reminder of our youth when we were full of vigor and tried to be the best dressed in the community. These little trees sprouting up where their parent trees once stood that supplied the family with fresh fruit as well as all the apple butter and jelly a family could use, plus plenty left for the neighbors, are continuing a rich heritage, that of supplying wholesome fruit that can be eaten safely, straight from the tree, without a thought of being poisoned by lurking, left-over spray. Their outer coat may not be as shiny as those that have been sprayed but the peel is always tender and crisp as well as the meat inside.

The other day while Polly was taking pictures of the beauty of spring-time on the farm I wandered off and

was quietly going from tree to tree, gently pulling down branches laden with blossoms so I could get a whiff of the delicate perfume emanating from them, and got lost in memories of when the orchard was set out. Most of those trees are long gone, and those that are left are gnarled and severely wind damaged relics of the past.

Other memories also crowded in for their share of the moment. You see, I have a quaint relationship with these aging things on the farm. We both grew up together and aged together. I was there when the apple orchard was planted. I tasted the first fruits of the young orchard some fifty years ago and no computer that I know of could have kept count of the pies, cobblers, fried apples, and canned apple butter, apple sauce and jelly that orchard has produced. Plus the bushels given to family and friends. All with my help of course.

This orchard had a variety of apples such as winesap, baldwin, golden delicious, sheepshead, and many others I have forgotten the names of, as well as a good variety of peaches in it, but no one knew what kind he was eating for when it was set out they all got mixed up. Mat had ordered a well planned orchard from his uncle who specialized in horticulture and agreed to help Mat get his orchard estab-

lished. The order came in and as usual Mat had business in town that had to be taken care of so he turned the planting over to one of his work hands with explicit orders of how they were to be planted. Peach trees were to be interspersed between the apples as they would bear their fruit first and would be removed by the time the apples trees would be big enough to bear. And all tags were to be left on each tree so they could be identified and put in his records. But Mat hadn't counted on the carelessness of the work hand he was entrusting the job to. This fellow was a good worker and trustworthy of a hard days work but his ability to listen carefully and follow orders was not a part of his life style. His excessive drinking and life time of hard work had dulled his ability to follow orders beyond hoeing a field of corn or digging a ditch or working in a local coal mine. So, when Mat got home and went to inspect the "new orchard" he got the surprise of his life. Yes, they were all set out, but what was where was a jigsaw puzzle. All identifying tags had been discarded and thrown away. The only thing the worker seemed to remember was to stagger the peach and apple trees which he had done. And true to Mat's plans the peaches did bear their fruit first and the trees were out of the way by the time apples were ready for use. The mixing up of the peach trees was not as confusing as the apples were for there were not many of them. But the apples were another thing for there was about twenty of them and to this day I do not know what variety I am eating. But I do know some of them were much better than others. My favorites are the crisp sour ones that are not only the best for cooking but to me are the tastiest.

This remodeling of body and mind took me into other areas of time when we were establishing the home place. There in the back lot was an old iron down building where once stood a small little chicken house. Its original purpose was a brooder house. It had been built with care and had what was then a modern heating system. And only the best feeders were used. A hundred little fuzzy chicks were the first occupant and we were on our way to being chicken farmers. Again we hadn't reckoned on the area we were living in for there was no market close enough to make it a profitable venture, we soon got out of that one and settled for a flock of white rock hens. They could raise their own babies and furnish us with all the eggs we and our neighbors could use. Plus they were the best for good old chickens and dumplings. So there in that pile of rubble in the back lot lay memories of baby chicken feeders and a heating system that could have been well used in the house if it had been designed to do so. Then the roost where big white hens hung precariously onto the pole where they got their night's rest. And all we got out of it was hard work, plenty of eggs and chickens to eat. This broken down shed is a reminder of many broken dreams. Well, we had tried hadn't we? I remember an old saying, "It is better to have tried and lost than never to have tried at all." That wasn't the only venture we tried and lost as but perseverance and hard work finally won out and we survived without assistance from anyone.

And so, with these memories opening up a door to the past and loosing my tongue I turned back to Polly, who had allowed me all the time I had needed to do this exploring, and shared with her a part of my life that

happened below her tent. Now she knows why we don't know what kind of apples we are eating and why the pile of rubble in the little lot out back has the remains of fine lumber and a window in it.

**"Caring Connection"**  
(Cont. from B5)

There will be good times and bad times, and you and your baby will survive them all.

**A Special Word for Fathers**  
Sometimes fathers feel shy about touching their baby. Others are willing to try, even if they feel all thumbs. Knowing how to care for a baby takes time and practice. Give yourself a chance—pretty soon you will feel like you've been a father all your life.

**What's It Like To Be A Newborn Baby?**

I need others to take care of me.  
I can't decide things for myself.  
I need someone to love, feed, hold and play with me.

I like to feel warm, and I don't like a lot of noise.

I like to be held gently and very close.

I like to sleep a lot.

I am hungry every few hours.

I may be fussy and cry a lot.

My face may be wrinkled, puffy or red, and I may have a large head—I'm normal!

**Schedule vs Self-Demand Feeding**

Most babies set up their own fairly regular feeding times. Some babies may like to eat every four hours, others are ready to eat every three hours, and some prefer eating more often than that. Newborn babies drink only breast milk and water, or iron-fortified formula and water.

Some babies like to sleep for longer

periods during the day than night. If your baby is a long day time sleeper, you may even miss a meal or two. You can reverse this pattern. Try waking him up for feeding instead of letting him sleep for long periods during the day.

You can get a good idea of your baby's feeding pattern by noting the times when he seems to be hungry. You also will learn to recognize the hunger cry. Your baby may not be hungry every time he is fussy. He may need burping, a diaper change or a drink of water—or he may just want to be held.

**Breastfeeding**  
Relax. Breathe tense and upright affects the natural flow of milk. You can sit in a chair or lie down, whichever is more comfortable for you. Positioning with pillows will help. Your baby's nursing helps your milk flow. Don't rush. Take your time. This is a learning experience for both of you.

Remind yourself that the time you spend relaxing and enjoying your new baby is very important for both of you. Continue eating a healthy diet and drinking six to eight glasses of liquids per day.

**Bottle Feeding**  
If you decide to bottle feed your baby, use an iron-fortified formula. Formulas usually are made from cow's milk or other special products to meet the needs of a growing baby. There are three different forms of formula:

**Powdered Formula** - mix 1 scoop (providing) of formula with each 2 ounces of water.

**Concentrated Formula** - mix 13 ounces of concentrated formula with 13 ounces of water.

**Ready-to-Feed Formula** - simply open the can and pour into bottles.

Whichever formula you use, follow instructions carefully. Make sure that bottles and nipples are washed and clean. Your health care provider or WIC nutritionist can review preparation and sterilization with you. Never microwave your baby's bottle.

When you bottle feed your baby, keep the nipple full of formula so he doesn't swallow air. Hold your baby close with his head up. Don't leave your baby alone with the bottle propped up and don't burp him to bed with a bottle. Burp the newborn after every two ounces.

Whether you breast or bottle feed your baby, you may offer him a bottle of water, especially in hot weather or when he has fever or diarrhea. Don't add sugar to the water, unless prescribed by your doctor. Don't give flavored drinks, soda pop or even fruit juice to a newborn.

**More: The Caring Connection—Games Babies Play**  
Babies learn through playing games. Games are more than just fun. They teach babies to:

use their language;  
develop their thinking;  
feel good about themselves; and  
feel good about the person taking care of them.

Play with your baby by quietly talking, singing or reading to her, smiling at her. Even though she is a newborn, she will respond by listening to you and will love the attention. As she grows older, she will reward you with a smile, a coo, or a gurgle and will try to reach for you.

Article adapted from Parent Express (Extension Office)  
Submitted by the Family Resource Center

**Saddle Club News**

By: Bev Rockwell

The Rockcastle Saddle Club had its first sponsored ride of the year Sunday, April 9th and what a ride it was! Ninety-two riders attended Dave Thompson's three hour tour of Pongo enjoying beautiful Red Bud lanes, spring fed ponds, and hardwood forests coming to life.

Half way through the ride a short lived thunderstorm greeted the riders but was over quickly with temperatures bouncing back into the 80s. Raincoat slickers could have been sold at a premium for those riders forgetting their!

Following the ride a tasty catered meal was served by D.W. Cafeteria and after seconds and dessert it was hard to leave the peaceful surroundings of the Bullock farm and head home.

The riding season is full of terrific activities planned this year with the campgrounds calculated in for plenty of use. Check out the riding schedule and come on out and enjoy. Don't forget to join the many wagon rides scheduled too, there are a number of scenic drives planned.

Remaining events for this month include: Jody French wagon ride at campground Sat., April 15, 9:30 a.m. B.O.L. Amanda Blanton horse ride April 23, at Junior Millens farm Scott-Fold Cross Rd., 2 p.m. Barton Fork, April 30, a two day ride and campout 9:30 a.m. both days.

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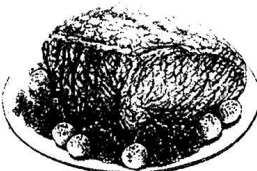


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## April Declared Volunteer Awareness Month

April is Volunteer Awareness Month in Rockcastle County announced by Rockcastle County Judge/Executive Buzz C. Carlotto.

Shall Come: WHEREAS, it is essential for private citizens to volunteer their time and effort to support worthy causes for civilization to advance; and,

WHEREAS, Rockcastle County is founded on the principal for private citizens to ban together and accomplish worthy goals and objectives; and,

WHEREAS, Government cannot cure all of the County's problems, and only by each of its contributing our time and talents can problems be overcome and solutions found for

those which affect our society; and, WHEREAS, Citizen involvement, is essential to Rockcastle, to Kentucky and to America's future well-being;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, BUZZ C. CARLOTTI, Judge/Executive of Rockcastle County, Kentucky, do hereby proclaim April, 1995 as Volunteer Awareness Month in Rockcastle County, in conjunction with the recognition of volunteers of Kentucky, and I urge all citizens of this county to pay special recognition to those who serve without charge, in community

services and other duties.

DONE AT THE COURTHOUSE, in Rockcastle County, City Mt. Vernon, this 3rd day of April, in the year of our Lord One Thousand Nine Hundred Ninety Five.

Buzz C. Carlotto  
Rockcastle County Judge/Executive

To Wit:  
Billy B. Bussell, Mayor, Brodhead Gary R. Comer, Mayor, Mt. Vernon  
Ed Liele, Mayor, Livingston

same on any premises in the county with or without the consent of the owner of the premises;

(2) dump or permit the illegal dumping of garbage, refuse, rubbish, and debris on any property within the county limits;

(3) deposit solid waste in any solid waste container other than his own, without the written consent of the owner of such container and/or, with the intent of avoiding payment of the service charge hereafter provided for solid waste collection and disposal;

(4) fail to have solid waste disposed of as provided in this ordinance;

(5) interfere in any manner with solid waste collection and transportation equipment, duties as such;

(6) dispose of dead animals in any container to be collected by the solid waste collection service;

(7) own or operate a dump;

(8) dispose of solid waste at any facility or location which is not approved by the county and the Kentucky Department for Environmental Protection;

(9) engage in the business of collecting, transporting, processing or disposing of solid waste within the county without a permit issued by the county;

(10) fail to be catalogued by a permitted garbage collection service for proper collection and disposal of solid waste.



Ky. Tech-Rockcastle Vocational Practical student nursing attended the State HOSA Leadership conference in Louisville on March 16, 17, 18. Sixteen students participated. Shown in the photo from left: first row: Ruth Saling, instructor, Barbara Collins, talent show, Bessie King, extemporaneous writing, Beverly King, prepared speaking, Vanda Jackson, medical spelling, Melissa Baker, instructor, Leta Martin, HOSA president, Betty Mullins HOSA secretary, Sharon Brown, job seeking skills, Haley Swinney, medical terminology, Gina Robinson, voting delegate, 2nd row: Vicki Boggs, talent show, Mary K. Howard, courtesy corps, Charlotte Anglin, practical nursing, Jackie Gadd Parks, medical math, Amy Moberly, courtesy corps, Teresa King, voting delegate, Britt Wynn, HOSA historian.

## Child-Abuse Day observed

Proclamation by Buzz Carlotto, County Judge Executive of Rockcastle County To All To Whom These Presents Shall Come:

WHEREAS: Child abuse is a very serious problem in Kentucky, and it is estimated that the Department for Social Services investigated 37,911 reports of child abuse and neglect (including physical, sexual and emotional abuse) involving approximately 59,540 children the 1994 fiscal year alone;

WHEREAS: The number of unreported cases are estimated two to three times that figure; and

WHEREAS: The annual cost attributed to child sexual abuse in Kentucky is over \$58,000,000; and

WHEREAS: There are over 1,600

volunteer citizens donating more than 14,000 hours of their time throughout Kentucky's 120 counties in the effort to prevent child abuse; and

WHEREAS: A Homicide is the most frequent injury cause of death for children under age one.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, BUZZ CARLOTTI, County Judge Executive of Rockcastle County, do hereby proclaim the month of April 1995 as Child Abuse Prevention Month.

Furthermore, I proclaim April 11, 1995 as Blue Ribbon Day in Rockcastle County, and by doing so encourage all citizens to be aware of this problem which affects our most precious natural resource, our children.

Done in the City of Mt. Vernon, Kentucky, this 29th day of March, in the year of Our Lord One Thousand Nine Hundred Ninety-five.

Buzz Carlotto  
County Judge Executive

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## Spring clean-up month should last all year

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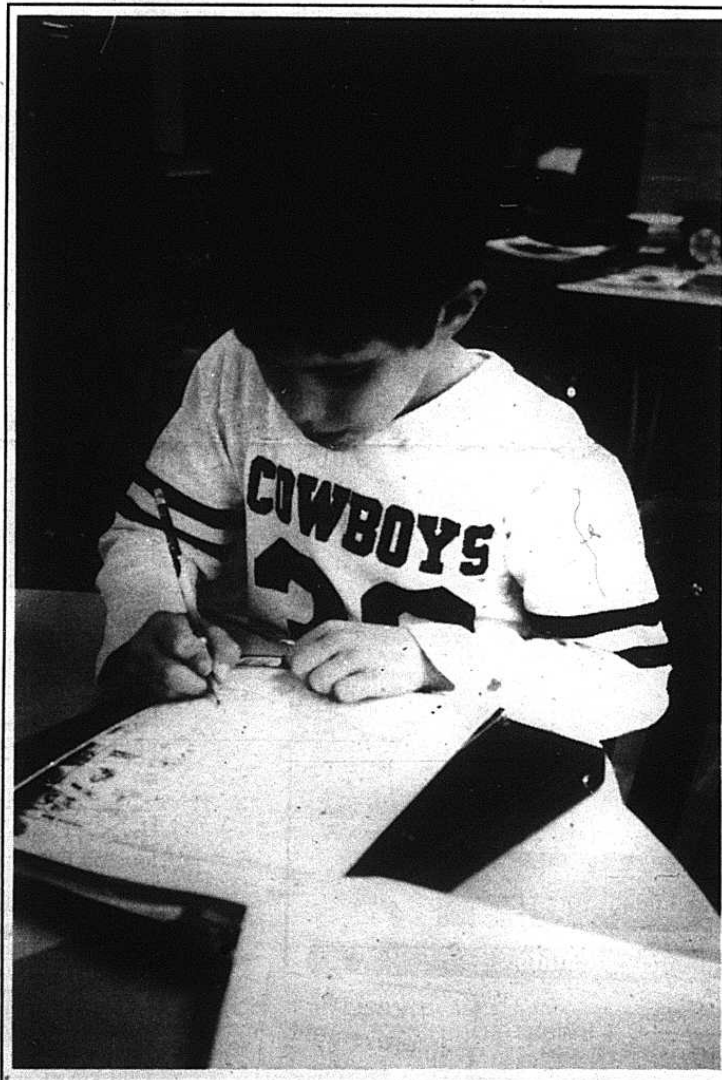
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# Superintendent's Message

Much attention is being focused upon authentic learning for students. Simply defined, authentic learning assures that students are actively engaged and are the primary workers in the classroom. Students are far advanced from merely collecting and sharing factual information to the level of applying knowledge in real life situations in a problem solving manner. Authentic learning is closely aligned with life and work skills where students must be able to demonstrate that their knowledge base can be put to use.

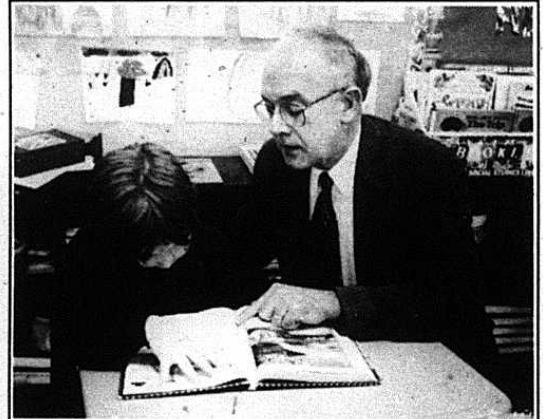
The traditional standardized testing programs used in schools for years do not appropriately measure authentic learning and the concept of performance based assessment is being applied more and more in today's schools. Performance based assessment, also known as authentic assessment, is a form of testing that requires students to perform a task rather than select an answer from a ready-made list.

The Kentucky Education Reform Act mandated a different form of measuring student performance. A performance based assessment program has been adopted and now used in Kentucky schools to measure the academic progress of students. The Kentucky Instructional Results Information System (KIRIS) is the assessment program administered in our schools.

The primary methods used by KIRIS to assess student performance are open-ended response questions that require a student to explore a topic in writing and portfolios, which are a selected collection of performance based work. Another component of the KIRIS Assessment, performance events, requires students to work together as a group to solve problems.

Research suggests that learning how and where information can be applied should be a central part of the curriculum and can provide impetus for improving instruction and increase students' understanding of what they need to know and be able to do.

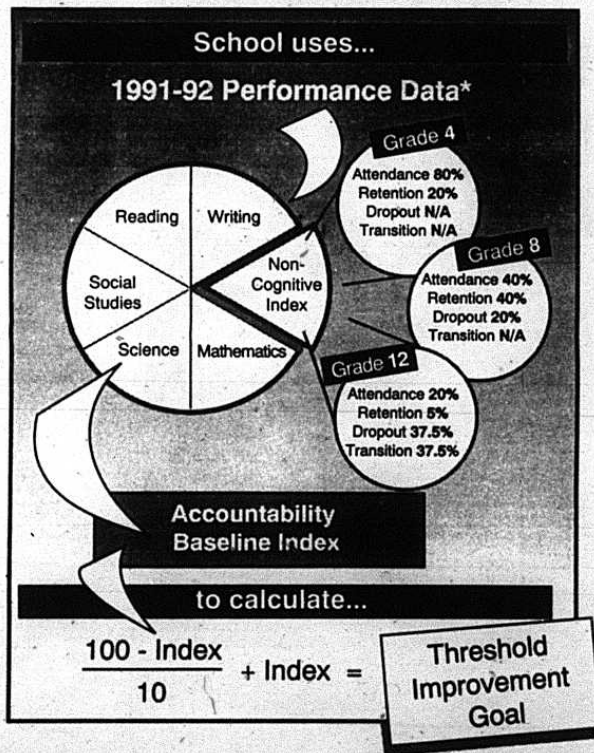
KIRIS is not a perfect assessment instrument and its validity has not been established. I am sure we will see alterations to the KIRIS test, but I remain confident that performance based assessment will continue to be the primary means of assessing student performance in the authentic learning climate of today's classroom. Children learn by doing and we must commit to actively engaging students in the learning and assessment process.



Superintendent Towery and Roundstone Elementary primary student discuss reading skills.

## CALCULATION OF ACCOUNTABILITY INDEX

The following graphic shows how the accountability index is calculated



Roundstone Elementary Principal David Pensol and Counselor Patty Renner review Transformation Plans.

### WHAT THE TERMS MEAN:

**Accountability** - A system that rewards schools where students perform at high levels and offers assistance to schools where students do not meet learner goals.

**Baseline Index** - The combination of academic and non-academic factors schools use to determine their accountability starting point.

**Threshold** - The improvement goal calculated by subtracting the index from 100, dividing the answer by 10, and adding that answer to the index figure; a school is rewarded or offered assistance based on its success in reaching this goal.

### Here are some of the ways the Kentucky Instructional Results Information System -- KIRIS -- leads to success:

1. KIRIS holds schools and their professional staffs accountable for student learning.
2. The tests focus on important basic skills in reading, mathematics, science, social studies and writing.
3. The testing system is based on fixed and challenging standards of academic performance. We've stopped grading "on the curve" and instead compare ourselves to the best instead of the average.
4. Schools and districts decide for themselves how to achieve the goals.
5. Thousands of teachers and hundreds of schools adopted the rigorous standards, believed that students could rise to meet them, and engaged parents and the public in working purposefully toward them.
6. KIRIS demands continued improvement. Every time a goal is reached, a higher goal takes its place as Kentucky continues to increase the statewide average from 36.4 in 1992 to 44.8 in 1994 and on toward the goal of 100.

# Individual student report/parent involvement

## Individual Student Reports

The Individual Student Report (ISR) is an important communication tool between families and schools. District Assessment Coordinators send the ISRs to their schools each fall. Schools, meanwhile, have individual policies for distributing the reports to parents. Some mail the reports home, while others ask parents to set up a parent-teacher conference.

The ISR provides parents with a concise picture of their student's performance levels in reading, mathematics, science, social studies and writing. It also enables parents to compare their student's KIRIS scores with the scores of other students in the same grade level.

ISRs can help both parents and teachers take the first step in building home-school partnerships. Denney says that with the report in his hands, he feels comfortable contacting his son's teachers to discuss the KIRIS tests, to learn more about what his son's scores mean, and to explore ways he can help his son continue his progress.



Rockcastle County High School and Central Office staff scoring Alternate Portfolios.

## Getting Busy Parents Involved

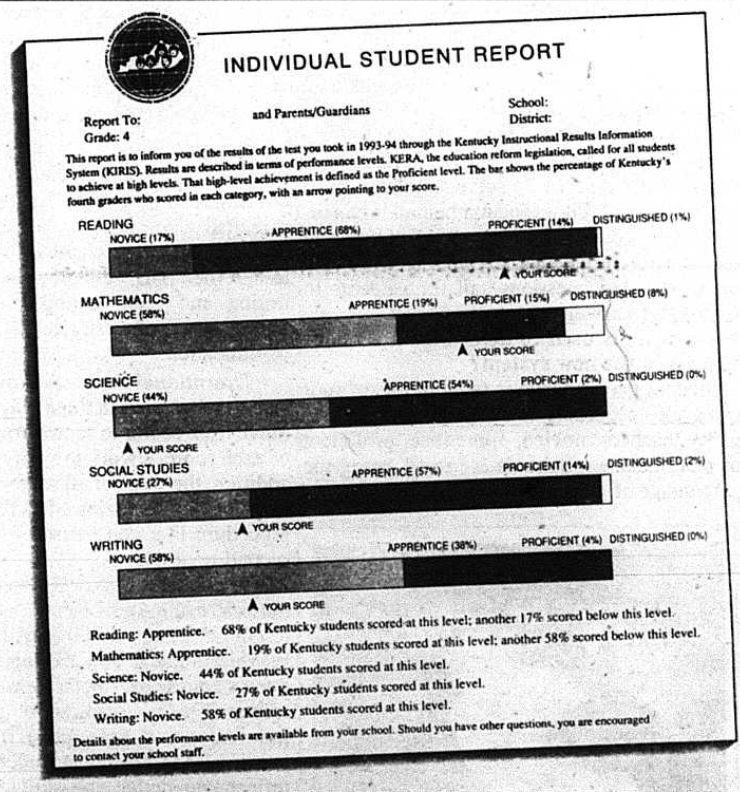
Parents and families have more demands on their time than ever before. So how can even the busiest parent find the time to get involved in his or her child's education?

•**Talking texts.** Ask your youngsters to read their textbooks to you while you fix dinner, sort the laundry, or drive the car. Any text will do -- a reader, a social studies book, even a math book.

•**Classroom chronicles.** Children who get home before their parents can record descriptions of the school day on cassette tape, while events are still fresh in their minds. These Classroom Chronicles don't replace the time you spend with your children, but rather serve as springboards for discussion when you listen to them with your kids later in the evening.

•**Table talk.** Talk about what your children are learning in school while at the table eating supper. After the meal is finished, pass around any papers they've brought home for everyone to discuss and admire.

•**"I can" cans.** Give each child an empty juice can covered with contact paper and labeled "My I CAN Can." Whenever your children learn a new skill, be it academic, artistic or athletic, write it on a piece of paper and stuff it in the can. Review the contents of the can periodically, and watch your child's self-esteem soar.



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## Assessment Tips for Parents

- Help your child see learning as a life-long process, not just a series of tests.
- Show your child how to apply what he or she learns in school to everyday life.
- Help your child prepare for schoolwork and tests.
- Promote your child's confidence about taking tests.
- Talk with your child about different kinds of assessments.
- Tell your child how special he or she is.
- Learn about the types of tests and assessments used in your school.
- Educate other parents about assessment and testing.

# Q & A - Kentucky Instructional Results Information System

## Who developed the Kentucky Instructional Results Information System (KIRIS) tests?

Over 200 Kentucky teachers served on six content advisory committees who score all test items, approve all scoring guides and set the standards of what is novice, apprentice, proficient and distinguished work.

## What is tested?

The basics and their applications in reading, writing, mathematics, science and social studies are tested, along with the degree to which students can use the basics to solve real-life problems. For example, in mathematics, students are asked to demonstrate their knowledge of addition, subtraction, multiplication and division and to apply those skills in everyday situations. Arts and humanities and practical living were added in 1994.

## What methods do the tests use?

The assessment has three parts: Performance tasks call for students to solve simulated, real-life problems. Writing and mathematics portfolios are collected over a long period of time and represent each student's best work: Transitional or open-ended questions call for students to write brief answers or essays.

## What scale is used to determine a school's success in the new system?

Student performance is rated in one of four categories according to standards set by Kentucky teachers: novice, apprentice, proficient or distinguished. Schools are rated, using the percentage of students placing in these categories,

on a scale of zero to 140.

## Are students being taught the test?

No. Teachers do ensure that students are familiar with the assessment process by using activities similar to those on the assessment in their daily instruction. For example, teachers who once relied on multiple choice and short answer tests will now use essay questions on their classroom tests so that students become accustomed to their method of assessing learning. This helps students demonstrate their knowledge. All test items are confidential and secure until administered.

## Is KIRIS reliable and valid?

Yes. KIRIS meets accepted, professional standards for reliability and validity.

## What steps are taken to ensure that testing and scoring are done properly?

For each school, a "Principal's Certification of Proper Test Administration" is completed to confirm enrollment and testing figures. The principal also certifies that testing was conducted in accordance with instructions, and that all test materials were properly secured before, during and after testing. Irregularities and complaints are investigated by the Department of Education.

• **Transitional Tests** - Scoring of transitional tests is monitored in three ways. Team leaders move from scorer to scorer, reviewing samples of each scorer's work to verify its accuracy. In addition, the work of all scorers - including the team leaders - is reviewed. A third verification procedure is a comparison of these first and second reviews.

• **Performance Events** - Content advisory committees, made up of Kentucky educators, and test development staff from Advanced Systems in Measurement and Evaluation, the department's contractor for the testing program, are responsible for writing scoring guides for each task. Advanced Systems staff work with the training leaders to select student responses that reflect knowledge and skills specified in the scoring guides. The student responses are assembled into packets that are used to train the group of scorers. As with the transitional tests, training leaders review each scorer's work to confirm scorer reliability.

• **Portfolios** - School-level scoring for both mathematics and writing portfolios is completed by trained classroom teachers. These teachers deliver the score forms to district assessment coordinators for use in performing consistency checks and accuracy checks.

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## What is the basis for deciding whether a school does well or poorly?

Student performance on the 1991-92 assessment determined a baseline and an improvement goal for every school. The scores from the tests administered in 1992-93 and 1993-94, which were taken by 4th-, 8th- and 12th-graders, were used to compute the school's standing, showing whether it had progressed, stayed at the same level or declined.

For each school, the average of its academic subject area and non-cognitive (attendance, dropout rates, retention rates, and successful transition to adult life rates) scores from the past two years is calculated to see where it fits in one of four categories; eligible for rewards; successful; not meeting improvement goal; or in decline.

## What happens to schools whose scores fall below their baseline?

They are required to develop a school improvement plan and will be assigned a Kentucky distinguished educator. They also will be eligible for funding from the Commonwealth School Improvement Fund to support their improvement activities.



Roundstone Elementary fourth graders practice for KIRIS Performance Events.



Broadhead Elementary fifth graders work on stamp project during Artist Residency.