



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

A few years ago, I noticed my body was hurting severely and much more stiff than usual. I was sure it would pass in a day or so. I had been working a little harder than usual, too. I had just moved into a new apartment in London. I was exhausted from packing and getting unpacked at the new apartment. My new apartment was on the second floor, so that made things even worse. I worked as a reporter during the day for the local newspaper in London, the Laurel County Weekly, and at Ponderosa Restaurant when I wasn't doing anything else. I also worked at the local nursing home, Laurel Heights. I was a certified medicine technician, and worked third shift as the supervisor on first floor. First floor had two windows. I was responsible for about one-hundred twenty patients as well as the staff. I was having personal and family problems so I thought the best way to deal with it was to escape into work.

One night at about two A.M., I got a call from one of the staff on the other wing that I was needed right away on that wing. There was something seriously wrong with one of the patients, and they couldn't get her to respond.

I ran the length of one wing, across a huge dining area and living room, and the length of another corridor. While I was running to get to the patient, I hoped I wouldn't have to do CPR, as I wouldn't have much breath left. In turning the corner of one hallway, I almost knocked my left knee off, so I just hurriedly limped the rest of the way.

The patient was stabilized and sent to the hospital. By the next day, my left knee was swollen, bruised,

and quite painful. The swelling and bruising went away, but the pain and a stiff feeling grew in my knee as well as my whole body.

I finally decided to go to the doctor, who sent me to a specialist, a rheumatologist in Lexington. There he diagnosed me with three kinds of arthritis: lupus, fibromyalgia, and arthro-arthritis. I continued to work for about two years, but soon found I was only getting in the way. By this time, I could scarcely walk. I had to quit work after fifteen years at Laurel Heights.

The rheumatologist thought that at the rate I was deteriorating, I would probably be in a wheelchair in about five years, and suggested knee and hip-replacement surgery. I was in my early thirties, and the future didn't look very promising.

I had to stop and weigh my options, what few I had. I decided right away that I didn't want surgery of any kind. I decided just to put myself in the best Physician's hands and hope for the best. I also stopped taking a barrage of expensive medications that weren't doing any good, anyway.

Now was the time when I had to draw my strength from the people I had taken care of for so long. I didn't have any plans to give up or give in, so I had to push forward daily.

I had taken care of patients who, as a hobby, planned and cared for flowers, but didn't have any hands. There was a totally blind woman who kept a spotlessly clean room, and could recognize you upon walking into her room or just walking past her door in the hallway. There was another lady who had both legs amputated above the knee. She made her own bed, and could get in and out of

her own bathtub by herself. Yet there are even more incredible stories of people who have overcome their circumstances to lead a virtually normal life.

I'm glad I chose the path I did. As you see, it was in January of nineteen ninety-two, ten years ago, I was diagnosed with arthritis; and given about five years to walk. Today, I walk without the aid of any device and don't plan to for many years. Neither do I take any medication except for over-the-counter medicines such as Motrin and Glucosamine

Sulfate. During the past ten years, the arthritis has spread to my whole body and there isn't a day that goes past without pain to some degree, but I still feel as if I've won the battle.

Today, I almost complained as I opened a childproof bottle of Ibuprofen as my hands were so sore and stiff. Then I remembered the lady whom I remember and still my back about how sore and stiff my back

(Cont. to A-11)

Our Readers Write

Dear Editor,
I want to say thank you to all the wonderful people of Rockcastle County! Last Tuesday I was able to make some campaign stops in your county and I was overwhelmed by the hospitality!

I want to say a special thank you to the city officials of Mt. Vernon, Broadhead, and Livingston for helping me make arrangements to meet with them and citizens. Also a special thank you to the Rockcastle County Fiscal Court. It was great to have a chance to sit and talk with so many fine people. I also was fortunate enough to be able grab a bite to eat at the Dan Delle, Jean's, and Li's. To be a small county, Rockcastle size several wonderful dining establishments! I know I will be back, if for nothing else but to eat! I must also say thank you to Mrs. Roberta Taylor, who was kind enough to invite me into her home for the night. I will never forget her kindness! I also want to say a big thanks to Travis Burton for helping to arrange everything.

Rockcastle County only intensified my desire to be your next State Auditor Frankfort for too long has been plagued with scandal and corruption. Our state government has gone from an aim of helping the people, to just helping Frankfort insiders. This is unacceptable. I want to serve you, the people, and help make state government what it should be, something for the people! I give you my promise that if elected I will work hard. I do believe that my opponent who worked as Paul Patton's right arm, offers only what we have now, a government full of scandal! I hope that I, along with other members of Team Kentucky, can count on your vote November 4.

If elected, I know that everyone in Team Kentucky looks forward to Restoring Hope in Kentucky. Win or lose, I look forward to my next visit in Rockcastle. You all really have a beautiful county full of wonderful people. If you have any questions about my campaign please feel free to contact me at our campaign headquarters, 502-897-5750. Thank you so very much.

I am attempting to make arrangements at this time to be back in your most gracious county on October 25th and hope to see and meet you then.

Sincerely,
Linda Greenwell
Candidate for State Auditor

Dear Editor,
As a 35-year member of an international trade union they have always provided me with medical coverage, and a prescription drug card, even in my retirement.

They are telling me that Ernie Fletcher is their worst nightmare, that he has voted 97% against every effort to control medical cost, even against importing much cheaper, and higher quality drugs from our neighbor Canada.

And they are also telling me that Fletcher wants to get rid of our prevailing wage laws. In other words, if you own a business, vote Fletcher, if you work, vote Chandler.

Rockcastle County is a place where most people get up and go to work, and the very last thing we want to do is put Fletcher in this powerful position of Governor.

Please, when you pull that curtain behind you and vote, vote for yourself, vote Chandler.

Thank you,
Jim Norton

Dear Editor,
It takes a lot of good folk to put on a Bittersweet Festival such as we had and a lot of dedication to having a good festival and quality entertainment. There are lots of fine folk who work in the background that deserve equally as much credit for a quality show as those you see on stage and speak with on the phone and in person. Thank you to Mt. Vernon Fire Dept. for washing the streets, Blaine McHargue and Gary Barnett for measuring the streets and marking them, Bentley Cromer for the use of his trailer for the stage, Toshia Lear for coming early and staying late to get everything in place, Irene Ross for helping where ever she was needed, the guys from the Rockcastle County Work Release Program for all their help, Shelby Bradley for helping those from out of town find their spaces, Dana Mason for all her work on the race, Vicki and Jerry Cox for getting the race organized, Mike Barr and Health Essentials for sponsoring the race, and Mike for serving as our parade Grand Marshal, Carol Signon for decorating the street, the Renaissance Committee for the lights for the fiddler shocks, Main Street Flowers and Gifts for the ribbons, Buzz Carloffs and the Fiscal Court for helping with the electric, Mt. Vernon

Printing for the brochures, Rockcastle Tourism, The Banner, WRVK, Mt. Vernon Signal, Sherril Proctor for helping with the race, Willis Coffey, Century Music Hall of Fame, Juanita Davis, Angela Leger, Gene Cromer, Danny Settles for decorating the Mt. Vernon sign, everybody who helped fold brochures, the Deputy Sheriff's for overnight security, and Lucille Bullock, Melanie Bullock, and Erica Toothman for helping me maintain a balanced load.

Thank you to Blaine McHargue for all the help in getting everything set up, Ron and Carolyn Klotz, Chad Burdette, and all the entertainers: C. Chance, Tyler Strunk and the Bad Temper Band, Fire the Choir, 40 Days West, the Bittersweet Cloggers, Wild River Band and Bentley Cromer, Tamara Fuller and Hubby for singing at 8 in the morning, how we appreciate you, the Northside Baptist Church Puppeteers, the Northside Interpretive Museum, Youngsters, Kentucky Color Bluegrass Band, Michael and Betty Fredrick, Behind the Cross and Steve Collins, Ruby Powell and J. B. Baker and Band, and

James Miller for doing the cheer work.

Thank you to all the vendors and most of all thank you to all of you who attended the festival and made it successful. Without you it's a bust! And to all who were in the parade: THANK YOU! And to Durrell Cress, thank you for coming and allowing and thanks to Clyde Hodges for being a clown all day Saturday. Bittersweet 2003 was a great success. It took a lot of good folk to bring it off. Bittersweet 2004 is already in the planning stage. If you would like to volunteer call Toshia at City Hall at 256-2879.

If I left anyone out I apologize and truly thank you for all the help. Thank you to all of you who helped in any way. It could not have happened.

Fondly,
Bernice McHargue

Dear Editor,
On September 30 I had the opportunity to attend the Lieutenant Governor's Debate at Georgetown (Cont. to A-11)

Infants Who Stop Breathing--SIDS

Presented by Dr. Kimberly Cornelius
Nothing is more frightening than having your baby stop breathing. Sudden Infant Death Syndrome, or SIDS, is the unexpected death of an infant without any other illnesses.

Who are the children at risk? The three main groups of infants who have an increased risk of apnea (lack of breathing) are premature infants, siblings of infants who died of SIDS, and infants who have been found breathless but were resuscitated.

Several other problems may cause an infant to have pauses in his breathing lasting over 15 seconds but are not necessarily associated with SIDS. These include seizures, anemia, lack of development of the brain, and many other illnesses.

Any baby who has had a period of apnea resulting in the skin turning blue or a slowing of the heart rate needs to be evaluated. This is often done by a 24-hour recording of the respiratory rate and heart rate for any abnormalities. Several other tests are done routinely to look for seizures, infections, or metabolic abnormalities which can be treated.

Premature infants are at greatest risk in their first months of life but their risk decreases as they grow older. On the other hand, healthy term babies are relatively safe the first month and then the risk increases and lasts until six months of age.

When a pediatrician determines that an infant should have apnea monitoring at home, the parents are instructed in handling the monitor and resuscitating the baby if it is needed. The monitors are often used until the infant is six months old.



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The Sheriff's department has been busy cutting marijuana plants recently. Plants in the Big Sandy area were cut and destroyed by Sheriff Darrell Dean and Deputies Ken Holt and Nathaniel Price.



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Republic Club Meeting
The Rockcastle County Republican Club meets the second Tuesday of the month at Kastle Inn Restaurant.
Booker's Book Schedule
Mon., Oct. 27: Maple Grove, Onions, Citrus and Three Links.
Tues., Oct. 28: Spito, Level Green and Willits.

Food to speak at Kiwanis
Rep. Danny Ford will be the guest speaker Thursday, October 23 (6:30 p.m.) at the Rockcastle Kiwanis meeting. The group meets every Thursday at noon at Kastle Inn. Join us and hear Rep. Ford bring us up to date on what is going on in Frankfort.

Livingston School Reunions
The annual Livingston School Reunions will be held October 25, 2003 at the Rockcastle County Middle School in Mt. Vernon. All former students, teachers, faculty and friends are invited to attend. If you have not previously attended and need information, call Barbara M. Caprietary, 256-9188 or Barbara F. Fink, 452-4061.

Clothing Donations Needed
The Rockcastle County Migrant Program is in need of all-winter clothing to replenish the clothing closet. Donations can be dropped off at the Migrant Office, located in the Central Office Building on Richmond St. or call for a pick-up at 256-3157.

Totes cancelled 10/24
Due to the donor's traveling schedule, the following tote will be cancelled: October 24, 2003. The tote was cancelled and participants will be notified on that day.

Emergency Meeting
The Rockcastle County Emergency meeting will be Tuesday, October 28th at 8:00 am at Kastle Inn. The public is invited.

Attention Retired Teachers
The next meeting of the Rockcastle County Retired Teachers Assn. will be Monday, October 27 at Kastle Inn at 6 p.m.

Daniel Boone Meeting
The Daniel Boone Development Council will be having their monthly meeting on October 23rd at 9 am at Daniel Boone's historical office, located at 4335 Greenbush Road in Mount Vernon. The public is invited to attend.

Donations needed by First Baptist Mission
First Baptist Church Mission needs monetary and food donations, as well as monetary clothes, shoes, all sizes, plus-size for females and coats of all sizes (male and female). Please bring clean clothing and other donations to the mission on Mondays and Wednesdays from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and on Saturdays 10:30-11:30 a.m. Thank you for helping us to help others.

Trick or Treat in Crab Orchard
Trick or Treat hours in Crab Orchard, will be from 5 to 7 p.m. on Friday, October 31. The City of Crab Orchard will be giving out free Trick or Treat bags until 3 p.m., Halloween Day while supplies last.

RES Parents/Teacher Conf.
Parents/teacher conferences will be held at Broadhead Elementary School on Thursday, October 30 from 1 to 7 p.m.

Halloween Dance/Costume Party at RCMS
RCMS students are invited to attend a Halloween Dance/Costume Party. Costumes 25 from 9 to 10 p.m. at the Senior Center 2064, in Mt. Vernon. Cost is \$5 per student and the event is sponsored by the RCMS. Costumes: Free food and music and prizes for the best costume will be awarded (no masks allowed). ONLY RCMS students may attend! Photo Certificates on sale. The RCMS dance team is selling photo certificates for \$10. Get a 10x13 mounted canvas or 16x20 signed photo. Deadline for orders is 10/21/03. 256-236-9361 or 256-9114.

Narcotics Anonymous
Time of drug and/or alcohol counseling every 1st Come join us at Narcotics Anonymous, every Thursday at 8:00 p.m. behind Our Lady of Mt. Vernon Church, located on Williams St. in Mt. Vernon. For more information, call 256-9243.

GED Classes
Christian Appalachian Project Adult Learning Center holds GED classes on Mon. and Tues. 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. and Wed., Thurs. and Fri. from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Online GED computer classes and tutoring are also available. The Center is located on Hwy. 95, north of Mt. Vernon on Greenbush St. For information, call 696-256-2107.



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Church News

Revival at Pine Hill

Revival services will be held Nov. 2-5 at Pine Hill Missionary Baptist Church with evangelist, Darren Cupp. Services will be at 11 a.m. on Sunday morning, 6 o'clock on Sunday night and 7 p.m. Monday through Wednesday. Bro. David Sargent, pastor, and the congregation invite everyone to attend.

Revival at Fairview

Revival services will be held at Fairview Baptist Church, Sunday, Oct. 26 thru Thurs., Oct. 30. Services on Sunday, Oct. 26th will be at 9:45 and 11 a.m. Evening services will be at 7 o'clock. There will be special singing at each service.

Evangelist will be Bro. David Sargent, pastor of Pine Hill Baptist Church.

Pastor Steve McKinney and congregation invite everyone to attend. Call 256-3722 for info and transportation.

Benefit Singing

There will be a Benefit Singing at the Livingston Gym for Bobby Lee McClure on Saturday, November 1st. Singing will be Living By Faith, The Carpenters, Catyva Echoes, J.P. Parks and The Overbay Sisters, Elzie Dean and Family, Vernon Doeg and Family, The Morning View Singers and Bro. Billy and Juanita Medley. Everyone welcome.

Cookbooks For Sale

Cupps Chapel Holiness Church is now selling cookbooks - \$7.25 each. All proceeds go to the church building fund. Call Lisa Carpenter at 453-2979.

Ottawa Fest

There will be an "Ottawa Fest" Friday, October 31 from 8 to 10 p.m. at Ottawa Baptist Church. Join us for free games, treats, prizes, pizza and more. Children under 12 must be accompanied by an adult.

"Jonah's Run"

Inspired by "The Holy Bible", Intergovernmental Men's Renewal will be held Friday, October 24, 2003 from 4:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. and Saturday, October 25 from 8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. at Northside Baptist Church in Mt. Vernon. Donations not required but appreciated. Register by October 20, 2003. For more info, call Lewis Cox at 256-2345, Jerry Hessel at 256-2257 or Larry Osterback at 203-245-8003.

Revival at Calloway Mission

Revival services will be held November 3-7 at Calloway Mission Church at 7 o'clock each evening. Evangelist will be Bro. Ricky Holt and Bro. Danny Robbins, pastor, and congregation invite everyone to attend.

Revival

Poplar Grove Baptist Church will hold revival services October 19-24 at 7:30 p.m. with Bro. David Muse, evangelist. Special singing nightly.

You're Invited

You are invited to attend our Gospel Meeting on Oct. 19-24 at Providence church of Christ, Rt. 1, Broadhead. Evening services at 7:30; Sunday services: 10 a.m. and 10:35 a.m. and Sunday singing at 2:30 p.m. and 4 p.m. Speaker will be Gerry Sandak.

Hell House Outreach

Hell House Outreach will be presented by Calvary Baptist Church October 27-31 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Calvary Baptist is located at 111 N. McWhorter St. in Loudon. There will be four shows per night. Free admission. For more info, call 864-7071.

Harvest-Time Tent Meeting

Faith Harvest Fellowship will be held a Harvest-Time Tent Meeting Oct. 26, 27 and 28 at 7 o'clock nightly.

The tent will be located at Calloway on U.S. 25. "Lift Up A Banner in the Land" is the theme of the 1st annual tent meeting and there will be special music and Christ-centered preaching every night.

Singing at Pleasant Run

There will be a Gospel Singing Friday, October 24, beginning at 7 p.m. at Pleasant Run Missionary Baptist Church. Featured will be the Gift of Grace singers and there will be other singing.

Children's Fall Festival

All families are invited to celebrate the harvest season at the Bible Baptist Church Fall Festival!

On Friday, October 31st from 6 to 8 p.m., Bible Baptist bursts will burst with excitement as they welcome all area children, 5th grade and younger, to an evening of fun, goodies, games and more!

This year's Fall Festival will once again include more than 30 fun-filled booths under their big tent where each child winds candy, toys and more! Plus, there will be a giant inflatable slide, moonbounce, live bluegrass music, cotton candy, popcorn and lots of mackinac!

Admission is only \$1 and all proceeds will be donated to Compassion International, a children's organization that provides food, clothing, shelter and education worldwide in the name of Christ.

Make plans now for your family to spend the evening with your children in a safe, positive and fun-filled night!

Homecoming Service

Homecoming Service will be held at the River of Faith Lighthouse at Burr on Sunday, October 26 beginning at 11 a.m.

Former pastor Dwight Hensley will be speaking and there will be special singing by Kevin Jones.

Gospel Singing

You are welcome to a gospel singing, featuring The Jones Family on October 25th at 7 p.m. at Roundstone Missionary Baptist Church. Paul Pearson, pastor, and congregation cordially invite you to attend.

Heaven's Treasure and Hell's Horror

Conway Baptist Church presents Heaven's Treasure and Hell's Horror, an event you won't want to miss, Sunday, October 26 at 6 p.m.

Our youth have been working very hard to prepare for this occasion and would appreciate your being there!

The church is located on U.S. 25 between Mt. Vernon and Berea. Bro. Jim Ritchey, pastor.

Correction

In the October 9th issue of the Signal, David Sargent was incorrectly listed as pastor of Scaffold Cane Baptist Church. Bro. Bobby Turner is the pastor at Scaffold Cane Baptist. The Signal regrets this error.



We would like to send a special note of appreciation to our pastor Bobby Turner and his wife Sherry. We love you all so much and we are thankful for the love and devotion that you show to our congregation at Scaffold Cane Baptist Church. You are always in our prayers.

In Memory In Memory of Molly Westerfield

Written by her sister
Lora W. Hamilton

I am thinking what a happy time. When the last trumpet blows. It will sound so loud it will wake up the dead.

My sister passed away on Oct. 1999. As all the families gather around, Christ will be there.

The big gate will be opening. Christ will be there with that golden robe.

He won't be old. As he calls all the names, There Molly will stand.

As she looks and sees all the families at the gate. Christ will not be late.

The big gate will be closed, Oh what pain and woe. They all will be singing as they all March around the great white walls of Heaven.

With hair not quite gray, He's be 59 on this day. My mom and I, we miss him so. When we think of him, Our hearts can't help but glow.

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He's been gone almost two years. And those two years have brought many tears. It's like nothing ever happened. Yet our world was taken away. But our hearts smile when we think of him.

Because we know he's in heaven, and heaven to stay.

He was my best friend. I thought he'd be with me forever. I thought his life would never end. Yet on that sad October day, his life was taken.

It left all of us so torn, and so shaken. I hope he knows we all miss him. And that we think of him everyday. We love him so much, And the memories we have leave our hearts touched.

I can't wait to see him again. I know I'll be so glad. When I walk through the gates of heaven. Straight into the arms of my granddaddy!

We love and miss you papers! -Mom, Sis and Me

In Memory of Fred Dobbs Oct. 19, 1944 - Oct. 26, 2001

Written by Kayla Felner

Cards of Thanks

Thank You

The family of Charlie Cupp would like to express our sincere thanks to our friends and family who came to be with us during the viewing and funeral. Also to everyone for their prayers, food and flowers and your words of comfort.

We appreciate Bro. Danny McKibben for his part in the service and for sharing some fond memories of Charlie.

Our special thanks to Fred and Laura Lewis who were always there when he needed them.

Sincerely,
The Children
Janice, Jim, John, Juretta and Jeff

Thank You

We, the children of Jeff Stewart, would like to take this time to thank each and everyone of you who were so supportive to our family during the recently loss of our daddy.

We would like to especially thank Bro. Billy Medley for his kind words, Vicky Mullins and friend for their beautiful songs and the Pine Hill Baptist Church for their visit to our home and their words of sympathy and encouragement.

A very special thank you to our Mamaw Kirby who was there with us and mommy during every minute of this terrible ordeal.

We love you all and want you to know how much you all mean to us.

Sincerely,
Leslie and Dylan Stewart

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Virginia Darr, of Mt. Vernon, recently received an engraved lid for her accomplishments in the Horizon of Hope basket sales. She was among the top five sales people in the state of Kentucky. Longberger has donated \$4 million dollars to the breast cancer research and education fund. Along with the engraved lid she will be receiving a lapel pin which states "I Made a Difference." Names of the top sales people will be published in the October issue of "Your Success." This is a publication of the Longberger Company. The achievement and award recognized that Mrs. Darr is committed to making a real difference in breast cancer research with the American Cancer Society. A hearty thank you to each of you who purchased a basket and helped make this achievement possible.

Livingston and County sign proclamation

October designated as Roadside PRIDE Cleanup month

Whereas, Eastern Kentucky PRIDE funds the Roadside PRIDE Cleanup Campaign and promotes environmental responsibility in 38 counties in southern and eastern Kentucky; and

Whereas, The residents of the City of Livingston and County of Rockcastle intend to clean several miles of city streets and county roads; and

Whereas, The residents of the City of Livingston and County of Rockcastle are encouraged to join PRIDE in participating in the endeavor.

Be it resolved that we, Raymond Griffin, Mayor Livingston and Buzz Carlolofis, County Judge Executive, do hereby proclaim the month of October, 2003 to be Roadside PRIDE Cleanup Month in the city of Livingston and County of Rockcastle.

Attention is called to six years of the Eastern Kentucky PRIDE initiative and encourage all citizens of the city of Livingston to get involved in

helping keep our communities clean. Gives under our hand this 11th day of October, 2003
Raymond Griffin, Mayor
City of Livingston
Buzz Carlolofis,
County Judge Executive



Jason Hamel passed out fire hats and coloring packets to all of the children.



Tuesday October 14th Mt. Vernon firefighters Steve Griffin and Jason Hamel pose with the Story hour children after presenting a fire safety program at the Rockcastle County Library. Thanks to our local fire fighters and rescue workers here in Rockcastle County for taking the time to do these programs in honor of fire safety.



Steve Griffin demonstrates the fire safety mask to help the children have a better understanding of the protective gear fire fighters wear.



Connor Cummins, Jesse Eaton and Caleb Eaton enjoy a view from inside the fire truck along with Steve and Jason.

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'01 Taurus SE \$119/mo	'02 Chev Trail Blazer \$23,950
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Shown above are girls participating in a Girl Scout Sock Hop. In the top photo is Daisy Troop #657, from left: Shandi Johnson, Sierra Shargill, Lora Case, Katie Smith, Hanna Smith, Megan Cromer, Xanley Case and leader Christina Smith. In the middle photo is Brownie Troop #135, from left: leader Jennifer Case, Vanessa Cromer, Sarah Barnett, Britney Powell, Gheyenne Morgan, Virginia Case, Abby Eaton and Ashley Newland. At right is little Megan Cromer enjoying the Sock Hop.

Halloween Party

October 31st

Rockcastle Public Library
Children's Library Area
4:15 p.m. - 5:45 p.m.

Bring the children out for some candy, games and fun. Prizes awarded for Best Costumes!!
Let's have a safe and Happy Halloween!!

First Annual Harvest-time Tent Meeting

October 26th, 27th & 28th

The "Lift Up A Banner in the Land" First Annual Harvest-Time Tent Meeting will be held at Calloway, Kentucky October 26th, 27th and 28th. Services will begin each night at 7 o'clock with praise and worship, testimonies and preaching.

There will be a "Pizza and Praise" time on Monday at 5:30 p.m., for ages 12-21.

This meeting is a community effort and people from all denominations and churches are invited to participate.

If you need salvation, deliverance, infilling, healing, or just a good time of Christian Fellowship and Praising the Lord -- then this tent outreach is for you.

Due to the meeting being in late October, the tent will have an enclosure and a heat source.

PLEASE JOIN US FOR A TIME OF ANNOINTING AND BREAK-THROUGH FOR OUR COUNTY!

For more information, please call
Pastor Mike Bryant at 256-5246 or Dedra Poynter at 256-0152.



Current workers at Rockcastle Manufacturing, who have completed requirements for a GED, are shown in the above photo with their instructor from the Adult Learning Center, Keith Gilbertson. There are now four employees at the plant working toward their GED. In the photo are, from left: Loretta Napier, Pat Doan, Christina Abney, Judy Carpenter, Darrell Stephens, Reta McFerron, Wanda Howard, Melissa North-ern and Mr. Gilbertson.

"Adult Education"
(Cont. From Front)

Napier added:
 -Other projects offered by the center include:
 -Fresh Start - if you have a teen who is having trouble at home or in school, this service offers family counseling, parenting classes and other activities for the whole family.
 -ESOL (English for Speakers of Other Languages) - for students who want to learn or improve their English grammar, conversation, reading and writing skills.
 -School on Wheels - even if you don't have a computer, or transportation, instructors will come to your home each week with this program. You can study at your own pace with weekly homework assignments.
 -College Admittance - offers help for those studying for the ACT, SAT or COMPASS tests for college entry.
 -Literacy - this program allows help to those who want to become better readers, learning one-on-one with an instructor and
 -Computer Classes - learning some basic computer skills with these classes can give you the tools many employers are looking for. Day and evening classes are available.
 -Adult Basic Education - a program to refresh learning skills, per-

haps enabling you to get a better job.
 Ms. Playforth also said there is homework help available to children whose parents will bring them to the center and stay with them.
 In Rockcastle County, in the 25 and older age group, 24% have less than a 9th grade education and 18%, with education levels between the 9th and 12th grades, are without diplomas.
 You may call 606-256-5307 for more information or visit CAP's website at www.chrisapp.org

"Complaint"
(Cont. From Front)

Engle protested that this was not the original deal and he did not have the \$6,800. Ms. True said the man lowered the price to \$5,000 and her father paid, giving the man \$3,500 cash and a \$1,500 check.
 After learning about the incident over the weekend, Ms. True tried to stop payment on the check early Monday morning but the check had already been paid.
 She then called the Better Business Bureau and the Attorney General's office, who is in the process of mailing her forms to make an official complaint. The AG's office also suggested that she call *The Signal* so that others could be aware of the possible fraud since the man told Mr. Engle that he had other paint jobs

to do in the area.
 County Attorney Jeff Burdette said Wednesday that an investigation by his office, the Commonwealth Attorney, the State Police and the Attorney General's office is in progress.

"Election"
(Cont. From Front)

ernon, "Happy" Chandler. Chandler is currently the state's Attorney General and has held other statewide public offices.
 Polls indicate the two men are in a dead heat in their race to succeed Governor Patton.
 If Fletcher were to win, he would be the state's first Republican Governor since the 1960's when Louis B. Nunn of Glasgow, was elected.
 In the race for Secretary of State Republican C.M. "Trey" Grayson will square off against Democrat Russ Maple.
 In the race for Attorney General Republican Jack D. Wood, and Democrat State Representative Greg Stumbo and veteran office seeker and perennial loser Gatewood Galbraith will face off. Galbraith is running as a Democrat.
 In the race for Auditor of Public Accounts, Democrat Crit Luallen, a former aide to Patton will face Republican Linda Greenwell, who campaigned in Rockcastle last week.
 Republican Adam Koenig will

try to unseat Democrat Jonathon Miller in the race for State Treasurer.
 Republican Richie Farmer is attempting to use his statewide notoriety as a former U.K. basketball player to win the office of Commissioner of Agriculture, but he faces a very tough challenge from Alice Baesler, who is the wife of former U.S. Congressman Scotty Baesler, also a former U.K. player. Scotty Baesler is also a former Lexington Mayor and the Baeslers are farmers in Fayette County.
 There are 9,032 Republicans registered to vote in November's election and 2,742 Democrats registered to vote. The deadline to register to vote has passed. School will not be in session in Rockcastle County on Election Day.



RTEC driver Lola Swimney shuttling visitors to our community back land north between Renfro Valley and the Bitters-beet Festival in Mt. Vernon on October 11, 2003.

"Shuttle"
(Cont. From Front)

frequent visits to Renfro Valley and our town.
 RTEC is planning critical upcoming meetings with key players and interested parties while moving forward in its intent to provide Mt. Vernon and Renfro Valley a Trolley service.
 Time will tell whether the venture will prove successful, regardless, RTEC wishes to thank those who are already supporting the effort and a special thanks to Driver Lola Swimney for helping to make the trial run on October 11th and 12th a success!



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Shown above, from left, Citizen's Bank Vice President Delores Phelps, David Collins, his wife Wendy, and his Citizens-Bank Vice President Violet Cash.

Small businesses in the United States are the backbone of our economy. Besides providing much needed goods and services, they also provide employment opportunities—which are a must in small rural communities such as Rockcastle. But small businesses don't run themselves, it takes a lot of hard work and determination and it takes people like David and Wendy Collins who have been in the Respiratory Care business for ten years.

Collins' Respiratory Care is located on Main Street in Brodhead and open Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.. They carry a complete line of medical equipment and supplies and they also have a Respiratory Care Pharmacy next door. Collins' Respiratory also provides 24 hour emergency service. Their phone number is (606) 758-9333.

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ROCK rolls over Eagles again; this time 44-0

The Madison Southern Eagles have never beaten the Rockcastle County Rockets in football and Friday night they suffered yet another loss to the Rockets falling 44-0 on Friday night.

The Rockets scored after receiving the opening kick-off and never looked back.

The Rockets racked up 326 yards of offense and Southern to just 124 total yards. 120 of those yards were through the air.

"I was pleased with the way our team bounced back after last week's loss to Bell County, but we have a much tougher opponent this week in

Perry, Central and I hope we are ready," said head coach Tom Lankey. Offensively Friday night the Rockets had 14 players who had offensive statistics.

"We were able to play a lot of younger players, which help us rest our varsity players and also cut down on the chance of injury," Lankey said.

Matt Burkhardt ran for two touchdowns and threw, for another. Devin Taylor rushed for two touchdowns and kicked four extra points. He also ran for a two point conversion and completed a pass to Bucky Skinner for a two point conversion.

Caleb Blair returned an intercept-

tion 41 yards for a touchdown. Shawn Childress also caught a touchdown pass from 17 yards out.

Other offensive stats were as follows: Jamie Howard 12 rushes for 65 yards, Derrick Hurst had seven yards on one carry, Max Saylor nine yards on two carries, Brandon Reams, four yards on one carry, Kenny Barlett had ten yards, Leak McQuary had three yards on one carry, Gabe Stallsworth had one yard on two carries and Bucky Skinner had three yards on two carries.

Burkhardt completed five passes for 81 yards. Taylor caught two passes for 18 yards. Brandon Reams caught one pass for 39 yards. Childress had 17 yards and Billy Bales, seven yards.

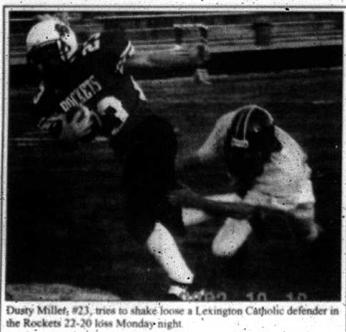
Defensively the Rockets stats were as follows: Saylor, one tackle, Jason Leger, five, Nick Thomas, three, Fay Graham, three, Brandon Campbell, one, Blake Loyall, one, Josh Bustle, five, Chris Croucher, four, Ricky Sandusky, four, Reams, four, Taylor, six, Hurst, three; Blair, two, Charles Cunnagin, one, Gabe Quifford, one, Phillip Boreing, one, Skinner, one and Brad Durham one. Leger also recovered a fumble and besides Blair's interception for a touchdown, Taylor also had a pick.

The Rockets will play Thursday night at home against Perry Central, a team which is 5-1 on the year.

It will be senior night and the game will start at 6:30 p.m. with the seniors being honored around 6 p.m.

The early start is because of Thursday being a school night.

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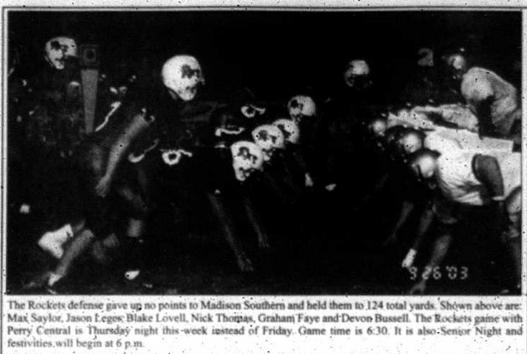
Dusty Miller, #23, tries to shake loose a Lexington Catholic defender in the Rockets 22-20 loss Monday night.



The 7th Grade Lady Rockets won third place in the South Laurel Invitational Tournament held Friday, October 10 and Saturday, October 11, 2003. Pictured back row from left: Kaly Mattingly, Rachael Cash, Ashley Robinson, Nicole Locklear, Tamara Blanton and Coach Ken Mattingly. Front row from left: Morgan Collins, Sarah McKinney, Sasha Bullback, Megan Mazurek and Jillisa Lay. Not Pictured were Sara Barnett and Kayla Cameron.



The 8th Grade Lady Rockets won first place in the North Laurel Invitational Tournament held on Friday, October 10 and Saturday, October 11, 2003 in London. The girls are 11-3 on the season. Pictured back row from left: coaches Becky Smith and Ken Mattingly. Middle row from left: Mary Saylor, Stephanie Barnett, Tonya Lunsford, Sara Barnett and Jenny King. Front row from left: Melinda Thomason, Sarah Rowe, Sonya Lunsford and Jessica Harmon.



The Rockets defense gave up no points to Madison Southern and held them to 124 total yards. Shown above are: Max Saylor, Jason Leger, Blake Lovell, Nick Thomas, Graham Faye and Devon Russell. The Rockets game with Perry Central on Thursday night this week instead of Friday. Game time is 6:30. It is also Senior Night and festivities will begin at 6 p.m.

Five Western Kentucky University swimmers set new meet records

Hammond-helps Red Team to win

Five Western Kentucky University swimmers set new meet records at the 35th annual Red-White Intra-Squad scrimmage Saturday, October 11 at the Preston Center. The exhibition meet serves as the two teams lone trial for the upcoming 2003-04 season which gets underway on Saturday, November 1 when both teams take on Louisiana-Monroe in Memphis, TN. The next home meet is against Wisconsin-Green Bay on Saturday, November 8 at 1 p.m. C.S.T.

For the Red team, juniors Paul Graves and Chad Walls both eclipsed the previous meet record in the 100 fly and junior Alex Handley bettered his old record of 1:55.7 in the 200 fly by finishing at 1:54.32.

On the women's side, freshman Veronica Cullen and sophomore Stacey Schortgen established new records in the 200 fly and 1000 free, respectively.

Sophomore Karl Swanson was the lone White team member to set a new

meet record with a recorded time of 9:42.42 in the 1000 free, nearly nine seconds faster than the previous mark.

Sophomore Andrew Hammond of Mt. Vernon helped his Red team to

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Western swimmer Andrew Hammond of Mt. Vernon prepares for 50 free at Red-White Meet.



Andrew Hammond, second from bottom, dives in for the 100 free at WKU Red-White meet.



Future triathletes Cedar Rapids swimmers Devin, front and Dustin Poyner, sons of Dwight and Carmen Poyner, urge of hand to cheer on WKU swimmer and Dolphin coach Andrew Hammond at Preston Center Pool on campus of Western.



The Brookhead Bengals cheerleaders would like to thank the following businesses for sponsoring them for the 2003 season: Citizens Bank, Mark's Hardware, Shoprite IGA, Dairyart, Davi Delite, Collins Respiratory, Brookhead Tobacco Barn, Roses One Stop, David Thompson, Betty's Used Clothing, and Marvin Owens Home for Furnishers. We sincerely appreciate your help this year. We also like to thank David Brock for the beautiful flowers! Members of the squad are pictured above, front row from left: Raven Davis, Cali Parker, Jaleight York, Jessica Thacker, Whitney Blanton and Maranda DiDamatò. Second row from left: Brittany Adams, Olivia Caudill, Caitlin Burke, Alivia Bállock, Crystal Reddington, Rachel Gleissner and Kaycee Hughes. Third row from left: Bridgette Denny, Lindsey Northern, Sarah Saylor, Makayla McFerron, Kaitlyn Delph and Stacey Lane. Back row: coaches Rachel and Amanda Wright.

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Gordon dominates in Martinsville win

By Gerald Hodges/Racing Reporter
Four-time Winston Cup Champion Jeff Gordon dominated Sunday's Subway 400 by leading 232 of the 300 laps, and holding off his teammate Jimmie Johnson by 1.036-seconds.

Gordon now has five wins and five poles at the Martinsville track. "It was Gordon's second victory of the 2003 season, his other win coming in the spring race at Martinsville. "Right now, I love this place," said Gordon. "I wish we could race at Martinsville every weekend. The team is on top of their short track program, and really they have been on top for the past five years."

Gordon, who was also the pole-sitter, led the first 107 laps before a pit stop. He regained the lead on a pit stop and was clearly the dominant car for the remaining 125 laps. Dale Earnhardt Jr. pressured Gordon during the middle stages of the race, but could never make a pass. Earnhardt Jr., Jeff Burton and Kevin Harvick pined for fresh tires during a caution on lap 403, while Gordon and Jimmie Johnson remained on the track.

When green flag racing resumed on lap 428, Earnhardt was back in 12th spot. He worked his way through the field but he only made it to fourth, behind Gordon, Johnson and Stewart when the checkered flag was given.

"I struggled all weekend," said Johnson. "To be able to finish second behind Jeff is wild. Even after being spun out and all the other things that happened, it's just amazing. "I hate getting second, but he (Jeff Gordon) is the master here."

Stewart's No. 20 Home Depot Chevrolet was strong all day. "That was pretty good," said Stewart. "Yesterday, I was praying that the throttle would hang up and we could stick it in the fence and get the backup car."

There were 15 cautions for 117 laps. The record is 18 cautions; Gordon earned \$183,018, plus a grandfather clock for his win.



Congratulations Jeffrey on your first deer! From Mom, Dad, Jordan & Bailey



10-year-old Donald Devine got his first seven-point buck and one on October 11, 2003 on a hunting trip with his Uncle Rick in Mercer County. Donald is the son of Troy and Jeanette Devine.

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Dodge teams will feed financial pinch in 2004

Dodge announced they are dropping their diversity program which gives supplemental funding to several teams, including that of Bill Lester's No. 8 Craftsman Truck team. They also may cut back their NEXTEL Cup operations next season by limiting car owners to a single team sponsorship. This would affect all Dodge owners, who field more than one team.

Should provisional rules be changed

The NASCAR rules regarding provisional status have been a point of controversy for the past couple of years. Currently, seven starting positions are set aside in each Winston Cup race for provisional starters—starting positions determined by car owner standings, not speeds.

There are quirks—for example, a team in the top-25 of the standings is not "charged" a provisional. In addition, there is a limit to the number of "charged" provisionals for each team throughout the season.

"I think the provisional rule has outgrown itself," says Kyle Petty, driver of the No. 45 Georgia-Pacific/Rexnord Dodge. "I might be the best person to talk to about it because right now we are in that boat. That's an antiquated rule right now just because of the way the sport is."

If you look around today, and not just today, there are really only 40 or 41 cars showing up on a consistent basis. You've got guys like the Morgan-McClures, the Morganteaus, and others who have shown up all year long. They have gone to California, and have towed all around the country, to make these shows happen. Then you have guys come in and cherry pick, they run one-off races and they make the race. They might have had to use a provisional, but they had one because some of the other guys didn't.

"At the same time, you have some of the older teams, like the No. 4 team, that have been around for so long and have done so much for the sport and they are looking for a sponsor. Every week they are trying to sell themselves to sponsors, but at the same time have the chance of going home. It sends a bad message. I think NASCAR is looking at the rule change, but I think it will be next year before anything happens. I wish

Youth Football

Wildcats 12 - Vikings 6 OT
For the Wildcats: John Wilson, one touchdown and Steven Thomason, one touchdown. For the Vikings: Tyler Smith, one touchdown.

Bengals 46 - Redskins 7
For the Bengals: Brandon Burkhardt, two touchdowns and two five-point field goals; Boone Saylor, two touchdowns and Josh McKinney, one touchdown.

For the Redskins: John Miller, one touchdown and a conversion.
Rockets 20 - S. Laurel 14
Tanner Perkins, one touchdown; Sean Gadd, two touchdowns and Cody Mize, one two-point conversion.

Standings
Bengals 7-0
Vikings 4-3
Wildcats 2-5
Redskins 1-6
6th Grade 14-0
7th Grade 7-2-1
8th Grade 5-6



Clifton Boone, son of Daniel and Tara Boone, won this trophy for participating in Long Hollow Coon Club's annual Youth Hunt on October 11, 2003. With him is his papaw Den Mink, president of Long Hollow Coon Club. Clifton wants to thank his papaw for taking him coon hunting and wants to wish him a Happy Birthday on October 31st.

they would change it now, but it will probably be next year."

Eddie Jones is general manager of the No. 49 JAM Racing team. "The provisional rules have always served well, but the intent of the rules no longer applies," said Jones. "People have been abusing the system, especially in the second half of this year. Running a 'new' number on a car just to pick up provisionals... I'm not sure that's very ethical. But, the way the system is formulated it's perfectly legal."

"My suggestion is NASCAR would be to qualify 42 cars on speed and save one spot for either the 43rd fastest or if you do have one car that is in the thick of the title hunt that just happens to have some sort of mechanical failure or 'freak' deal, allow that car the 43rd position. Very seldom does more than one contender have a problem during qualifying. If you want to be generous, save two spots. I'll include us in this; if we can't qualify in the top 47 slots, hey, we don't deserve to be here."

Hamilton Jr. wins Memphis Busch Race

"The results of the Busch Series Sam's Town 250, run Saturday at Memphis Motorsports Park: 1. Bobby Hamilton Jr., 2. Jason Keller, 5. Brian Vickers, 6. Scott Wimmer, 7. Casey Atwood, 8. Mike Bliss, 9. David Stremme, 10. Ashton Lewis, 11. Stacy Compton, 12. Scott Riggs, 13. Jay Sauter, 14. Ron Young, 15. Casey Kahne, 16. Kyle Busch, 17. Mike Wallace, 18. Jay Sauter, 19. David Green, 20. Tim Fedewa, 21. Chad Brown, 22. Larry Gunselman, 23. Jason Schultz, 24. Derrell Hays, 25. Coy Gibbs, 26. Chase Montgometry, 27. Justin Hogbold, 28. Tamylo Jo Kirk, 29. Jeff Sreeter, 30. Randy LaJoie, 31. Shane Hall, 32. David Kaul, 33. Jimmy Henrich, 34. Michael Lewis, 35. John Richardson, 36. Mike Harmon, 37. Brad Teague, 38. Jerry Reary, 39. Greg Biffle, 40. Jeff Fuller, 41. Jason White, 42. Stuart Barrick, 43. Brian Tyler.

Top-10 points leaders after 31 of 34 races: 1. Vickers-4117, 2. D. Green-4094, 3. Keller-4083, 4. Hornaday-4077, 5. Riggs-4073, 6. Hamilton Jr.-3895, 7. Wimmer-3604, 8. Kahne-3582, 9. Jay Sauter-3580, 10. Compton-3520

Roush drivers finish 1-2 in Martinsville Truck Race

The results of the Advance Auto Parts 200, run Saturday at Martinsville, VA: 1. Jon Wood, 2. Carl Edwards, 3. Dennis Setzer, 4. Rick Calk Crawford, 5. Bobby Hamilton, 6. Jimmy Spencer, 7. Darrell Waltrip, 8. Ken Schrader, 9. David Starr, 10. Ted Musgrave, 11. Brendan Gaughan, 12. Rich Bickle, 13. Tracy Hines, 14. Chad Chaffin, 15. Mark McFarland, 16. Travis Kvapil, 17. Matt Carter, 18. Andy Petree, 19. Terry Cook, 20. Matthew McFarland, 21. Jay Godley, 22. Bill Lester, 23. Randy McDonald, 24. Janyx Auble, 25. Alex Mueller, 26. Jody Luffert, 27. Robert Pressley, 28. Matt Crawford, 29. Morgan Shepherd, 30. Elliott Sadler, 31. Brian Sowell, 32. Lance Hootz, 33. Wayne Taylor, 34. Roland Isaacs, 35. Phil Bonifield, 36. Kenny Hendrick

Top-10 points leaders after 21 of 24 races: 1. Gaughan-3589, 2. Kvapil-3544, 3. Truax-3520, 4. Setzer-3517, 5. Wood-3366, 6. Hamilton-3287, 7. Crawford-3273, 8. Edwards-3169, 9. Cook-2967, 10. Chaffin-2909

Weekend Racing

The NASCAR Busch and Winston Cup series are racing at Atlanta, while the trucks have an off weekend.

Saturday, Oct. 25, Busch Series, Aaron's 312, race 31 of 34. Starting time: 1 p.m. (EST); TV: TNT. Distance: 203 laps/312 miles. Defending champion: Jamie McMurray, Chevrolet.

Sunday, Oct. 26, Winston Cup Bass Pro Shops/MBNA 500, race 32 of 36. Starting time: Noon (EST); TV: NBC. Distance: 325 laps/500 miles. Defending champion: Kurt Busch, Ford.

Racing Trivia Question: Where was the first NASCAR Truck race held?

Last Week's Question: How long was the beach-road course that that NASCAR raced on between 1948 and 1958? Answer: It was 4.1-miles in distance.

Gerald Hodges/Racing Reporter is a syndicated NASCAR columnist. If you have a racing question that you would like answered send it to The Racing Reporter, P.O. Box 160711, Mobile, AL 36616, or e-mail it to: hodgenew@jca.com



In late September, Master Eric Bullock's Mt. Vernon Shaolin Karate Club had three black belt students who tested before Grandmaster Sin Thee and a committee of higher ranking blackbelts in Lexington. They each passed their tests and received rank advancement certificates from Grandmaster Sin Thee. They are shown above, from left: Grandmaster Sin Thee, Thurman Simpson, who tested from second degree blackbelt to third degree blackbelt; Jason Napier, who advanced from first degree blackbelt to second degree blackbelt; John Wells, who tested from second degree blackbelt to third degree blackbelt and instructor Master Eric Bullock.



Master Eric Bullock's Mt. Vernon Shaolin Karate Club had five students who tested in September and received higher ranks from Grandmaster Sin Thee. Three are shown above, from left: Grandmaster Sin Thee, Aaron Graves tested from yellow to blue belt, Brian Morrison advanced from white to yellow belt, Mike Estes double tested white to yellow to blue belt and instructor Master Eric Bullock. Not pictured were Johnathan Payne who tested from white to yellow belt and Clayton Caudill, who double tested from white to yellow to blue belt.



At the National Shaolin Karate Tournament, Eric Bullock was promoted to Fifth Degree Blackbelt and presented with his certificate of rank by Grandmaster Sin Thee. With this rank, Eric was also awarded the title of Associate Master. Eric has been active in this style of martial arts for 20 years. He is the instructor at the Mt. Vernon Shaolin Karate Club. He is the son of Donna June Bullock and grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest E. Bullock, Jr., of Mt. Vernon.

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Births and Birthdays



We are proud to announce the birth of our baby girl, Mikahlyn Leigh Poynter. She was an early surprise arriving 15 weeks before her due date. Mikahlyn was born July 10th at Central Baptist Hospital weighing 1 pound 5 ounces and 11 inches long (see baby her dad's wedding band fit around her leg). After an extensive stay at UK Children's Hospital, Mikahlyn was finally welcomed home on October 1st weighing 4-pounds and 3 ounces and 16 inches long. Her maternal grandparents are Sharon and Carla Nicely, great grandparents are Norma Nicely and the late Carl Nicely and the late Esther and Sherman Renge. Her paternal grandmother is Vicki Poynter and great grandparents are Freida Poynter and the late Cecil Poynter.

At this time we would like to extend special thanks to all family and friends, area churches, Rockcastle Hospital and Respiratory Care Center Administration and staff, UK, NICHU team, Dr. Mike Guiler, and the Ronald McDonald House for all the support and prayers. We are thoroughly enjoying Mikahlyn at home and she is thriving. She is our precious little miracle! *Michael and Shannon Poynter*



McKenzi Danyel-Louisford celebrated her first birthday with a Care Bear party and all of her family and friends on October 18th. She is the daughter of Tabitha Saylor. We would also like to give a special thanks to (Mrs. Vetty) Evett Bullock, her babysitter, for attending our special day with her family.



Morgan Dawn Mullins celebrated her seventh birthday with a party with friends and family and Finley's Fun Center in Somerset. Morgan received many nice gifts. Morgan is the daughter of Deana Newcomb of Mt. Vernon and Donovan and Michelle Mullins of Irvine. She is the granddaughter of Gary and Freda Hayes and Jack and Karen Noe. Great grandparents are Kenneth Mink and the late Ruby Mink, Johnny and Christine McFerron of Mt. Vernon and Dorothy Brown of Brodhead.



Ron and LaMonica Coffey would like to proudly announce the birth of their daughter, Karisa, Renae Coffey. She was born in Richmond's Pattie A. Clay Hospital on Wednesday, September 17, 2003. She weighed 7 lbs. 8 ozs. and was 20 inches long. She is a celebrated bundle of joy by her three older brothers: Wesley, Shannon and Eric. Paternal grandparents are Barbara and Oscar Gregory of Conway and Ira and Lynn Coffey of Mt. Vernon. Maternal grandparents are Kathy and David Rudolph of Tucson, Arizona and Richard and Margaret Powell of Aledo, Texas. Paternal great grandparents are Benn and Sadie Johnson of Berea. Maternal great grandparents are Wayne and Betty Bequist of Tucson, Arizona.



She is my baby sister, but more like my own she was. I really loved and spoiled her, always a treat to make her laugh. I hugged her close to me when she was sad and cried. She was my little shadow then. My! how the days go by. She's just turned 40 and a proud Grandma too. She's quite the decorator. Home Interior is what she likes to do. Her name is Yickie B if you haven't guessed. Although she doesn't look it when you see her. Wish her the best. Happy 40th -- Guess Who!!!



Happy Birthday Kendra -- Love, Daddy & Susie



Yep! I'm having a birthday!! Happy a Happy One Jones!!

In and Around Mt. Vernon

By: Vallie Burton
Mrs. Linda Eaton and mother, Patricia Holland, were in Lexington one day last week.
Mary Roberts of Rutledge, TN, Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Roberts of Jefferson City, TN and Mr. and Mrs. Danny Petrey of Somerset visited Vallie Burton recently.
Mr. and Mrs. Mark Eaton and sons visited Patricia Holland a while Friday evening.
Mrs. Vallie Burton has returned home after spending a few days with Mr. and Mrs. Danny Petrey of Somerset.
Mr. and Mrs. Harris Burton were in Berea last Tuesday.
Mildred Hunt and Shirley Burton were in Lexington Tuesday to consult Shirley's doctor.
Deepest sympathy is extended to all who have lost loved ones recently. May the Lord comfort each one.
Mr. and Mrs. Norman Jones of Louisville, Martha Thompson of Hamilton, Ohio and Carrie Vaughn of California visited their cousin, Vallie Burton, and also Lillian Anglin recently.
Mrs. Ora York celebrated her birthday October 11. We wish her many returns of the day.
Mrs. Viola Robinson of Ohio underwent surgery last week. Viola is the daughter of Mrs. Ora York. We wish her a speedy recovery.
Mrs. Mattie Petrey of Somerset visited her mother, Vallie Burton, Sunday afternoon.

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"TJ's Journal"

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feels. The I can remember a lady in her twenties who was a elementary school teacher, wife, and mother who couldn't feel anything as she was paralyzed from the neck down.

I know it's easy for all of us to complain about our health or other circumstances, but let's try not to forget that in most cases, there are others who are in worse condition. I try

to remember that the apostle Paul, who endured many hardships, once stated that we should be satisfied in whatever state that we find ourselves. I also try to remember that God allows the circumstances in our lives for some purpose. We may not always know what it is, and may never know in this lifetime, but let me assure you, He has a reason. Let's all try to remember that we're all just human, and we all have our share of shortcomings or handicaps. Let's try to encourage, strengthen, and praise others instead of criticizing, judging, or neglecting others in the future. After all, we never know whom we may inspire.



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"Letters"

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College. Going into the debate I must admit, I was very unsure who I would place my vote for to be the next Governor and Lt. Governor. When I walked out of the debate, I realized the only real choice was Ernie Fletcher and Steve Pence.

I watched and listened very objectively to the two men debating. I had never really taken time to really think about all the issues facing Kentucky. The debate was very interesting. Though I must say, I was a bit confused by Charlie Owens who wanted to respond to almost every question by attacking Washington. I really wanted to ask him if the debate was on Kentucky issues or national issues. I was very impressed with Mr. Pence's performance. He really knew what he was talking about and it seemed to me like him and Ernie Fletcher have a real plan to fix things in Kentucky.

One other interesting point I took from the debate was that Steve Pence REALLY wants to serve Kentuckians. He gave up a federal position to be able to run for this office. He seems to truly care and I believe if elected he will use his position to benefit us, the people. However, it seems as his opposition wants to do with the position is use it to run for the US Senate. Steve Pence specifically asked Owens if elected was he going to serve Kentucky, or run for the Senate. Guess what, Owens would not respond! That sure says something to me!

Steve Pence in my opinion easily won the debate. After hearing both candidates, I can safely say, that I am voting for Fletcher and Pence for Governor and Lt. Governor. I really hope that anyone who believes in electing the best candidates will do the same.

Thank you very much,
 Michelle Rowe

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Foulk - Sparks

Herman Joseph Sparks and Rebecca Lynn Foulk were united in marriage October 11, 2003 at the home of Jerry and Louise Sparks, the parents of the groom.

It was a beautiful fall outdoor event with a western theme. Rebecca was given in marriage by her sons, Allen and Brent, and her parents, Allen and JoAnn Foulk from Canton, Ill.

Special thanks is extended to Pastor Dwayne Carpenter, Anthony Modley, Kyle Sowers, Beverly Goins, Cally Toothman, Jerry Hayes, Orval Burkhardt and many friends and relatives for helping make their wedding day a success.



Day - Barnes

Lester Joe and Janet Day would like to announce the forthcoming marriage of their daughter, Renee to Scott Barnes, son of Glenna Overbay and the late Richard Barnes. Sr. They will exchange vows on October 25, 2003 at 3:30 p.m. at the Broadhead Baptist Church. A reception will follow. All family and friends are invited to attend.



Amys - Canterbury

Christina Elaine Amys and Cory Lynn Canterbury would like to announce their forthcoming marriage. The wedding will take place on November 15, 2003 at 6:30 in the evening at Bible Baptist Church in Mt. Vernon.

Christina is the daughter of Connie Amys of Broadhead and the late Tex Amys. Cory is the son of Kitty and Don Reese of Roundstone and Kenneth Canterbury of Berea. All family and friends are encouraged to attend.

In memory of Suzanne Graves \$2,283.62 has been sent to the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation from the sale of Car Show t-shirts. Suzanne's family and the CFF wish to thank Mr. Charlie Napier and his wife, Carolyn, Mr. Fred Ryburn - Specialty Car Ins., Jeremy Reynolds for great art work, Charlie and Kathy Cheatham, Debbie Bugg and the middle school art class for the buttons, and The Cruise Buddies across the state. Also anyone who bought or sold a t-shirt. Thank you Kaye Shelton and Jerry Smith for raising \$86.34 this summer in memory of Suzanne. Hopefully, someday there will be a cure for this terrible disease.



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Circuit Civil Suits

Tammy Swinney vs. Everett Swinney, petition for dissolution of marriage, CI-00249.
Dana L. Mobley and Jonathan M. Mobley, joint petition for dissolution of marriage, CI-00250.
Melinda Lou Dailey vs. Jack Burdette Dailey, petition for dissolution of marriage, CI-00251.
London Financial Services, Inc. vs. Philip Thomas, et al., complaint, CI-00252.
Michael Hook, et al. vs. Roger Lopez, et al., petition, CI-00253.
Ky. Farm Bureau Mutual Ins. Co. vs. INS Insurance, Inc., complaint, CI-00254.

Deeds Recorded

Robert E. and Darlene Phelps, real property located in Rockcastle County, to David and Paula Russell, Tax \$85.00.
Chaplet B. and Anne M. Farris, real property located in Mt. Vernon, to Gary W. Witt, Tax \$40.50.
Jay Harold and Peggy A. Messer, and others, real property located in C.H. Frith Subdiv., to Henry and Thelma Nadine Woodall, Tax \$39.50.
Franky Denny and James Dean and Sandra Carpenter, real property located on Dooley Rd., to William C. and Connie Baker and Leroy Lamb, Tax \$15.00.
Charlote and Dennis Hayes, real property located in Rockcastle County, to Lynn McQueen, Tax \$41.00.
William Bertram and Georgia McWhorter, real property located in Rockcastle County, to Larry Wayne McWhorter and Johnny Dale McWhorter, No tax.
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Charlotte and Donnie Hayes, real property located in Rockcastle County, to Lynn McQueen, Tax \$41.00.
American Investors, LLC, real property located in Rockcastle County, to James W. Bullock, Jr. Tax \$23.00.

Donald C. and Sue Brock, real property located in Mt. Vernon, to Larry A. and Gail F. Burdette, Tax \$70.00.
Carl and Trina Bustle, real property located on Negro Creek, to James Carpenter, Tax \$8.00.
Randall and Doris Durham, real property located on Chestnut Ridge Rd., to Albert and Delphy Price, Tax \$0.
Albert Hicks, Jr., real property located in Rockcastle County, to Donald R. Everage and Charlotte Collins, Tax \$26.00.
Dennis and Edith Brown, real property located in Rockcastle County, to Jenny Ann Smith, No tax.
Anita and Billy Bradley, real property located in Rockcastle County, to Margaret Lamb, Tax \$0.
Maryellen Lebo, real property located in Rockcastle County, to Terry L. and Tammy L. Harris and Johnny and Worth Ann Harris, Tax \$50.00.
Lawson and Todd Whitt, real property located in Brodhead, to Terry L. and Tammy L. Harris and Johnny and Worth Ann Harris, Tax \$50.00.
Carl and Trina Bustle, real property located in Rockcastle County, to Timothy Vynch, Tax \$15.00.
Raymond and Lena McKinney, real property located in Rockcastle County, to Ronnie D. McKinney, Teresa McPherson and Jerry McKinney, No tax.
Raymond and Lena McKinney and Ronnie D. and Virginia McKinney, real property located in Rockcastle County, to Ronnie D. and Virginia McKinney, No tax.
Gary and Hazel Herbert, real property located in Rockcastle County, to Stacy Singleton, No tax.
Lloyd Bonnett, Sr. and Barbara Bennett, real property located in Mt. Vernon, to Philip and Regina Hull-Brown, Tax \$60.00.
Jeffery L. and Anna Marie Ruckel and Robert and Shirley Wilson, real property located on Copper Creek, to Royce C. Williams, Tax \$127.50.
Thomas E. and Jacqueline Dees, real property located in Rockcastle County, to Mary Ann Elam, Tax \$56.00.
Chris and Evonne Bullock, real property located in Brodhead, to Ron Lambart, Tax \$63.00.

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Beatrice Corine-Pearson, 67, Scottsboro, TN, retired to Farmer Waddell, 72, Livingston, retired, 10/16/03.
Nettie Potts, 64, Berea, retired, to Harold Wayne Smith, 61, Berea, retired, 10/16/03.
Sandra Kay Allen, 34, Sand Gap, housewife, to John Clayton Ingram, 40, Rt. 2, Mt. Vernon, painter, 10/15/03.
Irma Gale McDonough, 53, Rt. 2, Lanesville, housewife, to Malcolm Eugene Smith, 65, Rt. 2, Lanesville, retired, 10/15/03.
Pearl May Cunniff, 46, Mt. Vernon, disabled, to Jerry Lester Collier, 54, Mt. Vernon, disabled, 10/8/03.

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Jerry A. Hoskins, Disorderly conduct, \$100 and costs and 10 days conditionally discharged one year.
Douglas G. Hubbard, No/Expired Registration Plates, and other charges, warrant issued/license suspended.
James H. Jones, Jr., Possession of marijuana, \$100 and costs/confiscate and destroy contraband, Carrying a concealed deadly weapon, \$100 fine and 10 days/conditionally discharged/forfeiture of weapon.
Marlyn Kates, Operating on suspended/revoked operators license, \$50 and costs.
Tommy King, Contempt of court, dismissed on payment of court costs.
Larry Kirby, Operating on suspended/revoked license and other charges, warrant issued/license suspended for failure to appear.
Barbara Lovell, No operating license in possession, \$50 and costs, No/Expired Registration Plates, \$25 fine, No insurance, \$500 fine/\$450 may be suspended on proof, Failure to register transfer of motor vehicle, \$25 fine.
Bobby L. McKee, Operating vehicle w/expired operators license and other charges, warrant issued/license suspended.
Karen J. Mink, Reckless driving, \$100 fine.
Linda G. Mullins, License to be in possession, \$25 and costs.
Trina Ann Nicely, Criminal trespass, 120 days to serve 7.
Howard J. Troy Reed, Alcohol intoxication in public place, \$50 and costs.
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Jimmie Moles, Faulty equipment, \$25 and costs.
Sabrina Blossie, Theft by deception (2 counts), \$25 and costs each and 10 - 30 days days/consecutive/conditionally discharged one year.
Joseph D. Downs, Jr., No/Expired Registration Plates, dismissed on payment of court costs; Failure to wear seatbelts, \$25 fine.
Wayne R. Owens, Operating on suspended/revoked operators license, \$100 and costs; Contempt of court, \$50 fine and 10 days/suspended.
Travis P. Acup, Speeding, \$84 and costs/state traffic school authorized, No insurance, \$500 and costs/suspended \$450/vehicle transferred.
Candie F. Allen, Fees/Fines due

\$224.50/m., warrant issued/license suspended.
Karl W. Bodie, Reckless Driving and No/Expired Registration Plates, license suspended for failure to appear.
Sherri Lynn Bowling, Theft by deception (2 counts), \$10 and costs and 10 days each count/conditionally discharged one year.
Mark A. Carpenter, Fines/Fees Due (\$100), 10 days assessed or payment, Operating motor vehicle under influence of alcohol/drugs, \$200 fine and costs, \$250 service fee, \$20 victim compensation fund, 2 days time served/30 day operator license suspension; Failure to wear seatbelt, \$25 fine; Use/Possession drug paraphernalia, \$100 fine/confiscate and destroy contraband.
Harry Edward Couch, No tail lamps and other charges, warrant issued/license suspended.
Joshua L. Dooley, Fines/Fees due (\$910.50), warrant issued/license suspended.
Fred Durham, Fines/Fees Due (\$175.50), warrant issued/license suspended.
Darrell G. Griffin, Alcohol intoxication in public place, \$50 and costs; Assault, \$100 fine and 10 days/conditionally discharged.
Ricky J. Hale, Fines/Fees due (\$132.50), warrant issued/license suspended.
Larry C. Locklear, Fines/Fees due (\$210.50) plus reasonable restitution, warrant issued.
Christopher M. McClure, Possession of marijuana and Use/Possession Drug Paraphernalia, warrant issued.
Larry Mills, Speeding and other charges, license suspended for failure to appear.
Charrell R. Miller, Fines/Fees due (\$179.50), warrant issued.
Tony C. Oliver, Fines/Fees due (\$100.50), warrant issued/license suspended/10 days prev: assessed now imposed.
Richard G. Petrey, Theft by deception, dismissed on payment of court costs and restitution.
Eric Powell, Fines/Fees due (\$607.49), \$443.87, \$356.95.

District Court

District Court Hon. Walter F. Maguire October 6, 2003
Ruby C. Caldwell, No/Expired Registration plates and other charges, warrant issued/license suspended.
Gino R. Dellacava, Faulty equipment, \$50 and costs.
John Kevin Faltn, Theft by unlawful taking, 6 months to serve 30 days/balance conditionally discharged two years plus \$330 restitution or 60 hours public service; Receiving stolen property, 30 days/concurrent/\$350 or 60 hours community service/concurrent.
Albrian Felmer, DUI, under 21, \$100 and costs and 30 day license suspension; No operators/moped license, \$25 fine; Possession of marijuana, \$100 fine and 10 days/conditionally discharged one year/confiscate and destroy contraband; Use/possession drug paraphernalia, \$50 fine.
Joe M. Franks, No operators license and other charges, warrant issued/license suspended.
Matthew S. Gadd, No operating license in possession, \$25 and costs.
John M. Harding, Speeding, \$50

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News from the Ky. Music Hall of Fame & Museum

Hells once again from the Kentucky Music Hall of Fame & Museum.

September left us with some good memories. A great milestone was reached in the recent October 13th Press Conference announcing our 2004 Hall of Fame Inductees who are: Jerry Chesnut, J.D. Crowe, Coon Creek Girls, Vestal & Howard Goodman, Boozie Radeloff, Ricky Skaggs and Billy Vaughn.

The Induction Program will take place in Frankfort on February 19th at the Frankfort Civic Center.

The following night, February 20th, Ricky Skaggs and KY Thunder will headline a fundraising concert at the New Barn Theater in Remick Valley.

Call the Hall of Fame for ticket information concerning either of these events at 1-877-356-3263 or visit our web-site at: www.kymuseumhalloffame.com.

The Black Gold festival in Hazard and the World Famous Chicken Festival have both been great successes. We are putting our new Mobile Museum in good use. Look for us out on the road.

Famous singer/songwriter and producer, Norro Wilson, recently made quite a contribution to the museum by placing many of his awards, photos and memorabilia for display.

Norro has experienced unlimited success in every phase of the music business. He is one of Nashville's most successful songwriters, with songs recorded by nearly every artist on every major label. He has to his credit 38 BMI awards and 29 #1 awards as a producer. Two of his most recognized compositions are "The Most Beautiful Girl" and "A Very Special Love Song", which Charlie Rich recorded and wrote #1 hits in the pop and country charts.

For fourteen years Norro worked with AI Gallico Publishing where he

was responsible for the success of the Nashville operation.

Later he followed Chips Moman at Warner Brothers as A&R head for five years and was responsible for signing and producing records on Joe Stampley, Rex Allen, John Anderson and Gary Morris.

As well as working with Warner Brothers, Norro produced hits for other labels and their artists, some of which included Reba McEntire, Charlie Pride, Janie Fricke, Charlie McClain and Mickey Gilley. After leaving Warner Brothers, Norro became Chief Officer for Merit Music, where he built a strong catalogue and served as CEO until it was successfully sold.

Norro again experienced songwriting success with Loretta Lynn's recording of "A Picture Of Me Without You" and Aaron Neville's recording of "The Grand Tour".

In 1996, he was inducted into the Nashville Songwriter's Hall of Fame. Norro produced Shania Twain's first album for Mercury. Mandy McCready's first album for BNA Records and also co-produced several albums on Sammy Kershaw with Buddy Cannon for Mercury Records. Norro and Buddy have also produced two albums on George Jones for MCA.

In the past two years Wilson has received as producer gold album awards for "Single White Female", (Chely Wright), "No Place That Far" (Sara Evans) and "Brand New Me" (John Michael Montgomery). Platinum awards for Kenny Chesney's "I Will Stand" and "No Shoes, No Shirt, No Problems", and Double Platinum awards for Chesney's "Everywhere We Go" and "Greatest Hits".

Needless to say we are excited about having Norro Wilson evolved in the KMHOF&M. I recently received information concerning another song written by the name of Ron Hedford. I'd share some interesting facts about this great Ky. talent next month. Until then enjoy the beautiful fall weather and come see us at the Kentucky Music Hall of Fame & Museum.

P.S. One more thing, did I mention we had a very special guest performer? After her September 20th concert, Loretta Lynn came by for a visit. She took her good day time looking around and really enjoyed her visit.



While in Remick Valley for her show, Loretta Lynn stopped by the Kentucky Music Hall of Fame & Museum. She is shown here with co-directors Wayne Combs and Robert Lawson.



Look for our new Mobile Museum out on the road. Visits to the Black Gold Festival, World Famous Chicken Festival and Bittersweet Festival have been great successes.



Kivwanis Club president Connie Graham honored past president James Miller with a receipt contribution to the Kivwanis International Follow Program. This gift, in James' honor, enable the International Follow Program to accomplish its mission, "to assist in serving the Children of the World."



Mae Philbeck, at left, Education Specialist at the Dependent Children's Services in Frankfort, was the guest speaker at the Rockcastle-Kivwanis meeting last Thursday. She informed the group of the need for volunteers from our area to sit on the Foster Care Review Board. This volunteer board meets monthly to review the case files of abused, neglected, and dependent children in the care, custody and control of the Cabinet for Families and Children. The purpose of these reviews is to guarantee that children receive adequate and appropriate services while in alternative placement, and to ensure that every effort is being made to locate permanent homes for these children so they do not linger needlessly in the state foster care. Gertha Mink, at right, Kivwanis Community Services Committee, presented a check to Sharon Langford, center, and the Rockcastle Foster Parents Association to help with their Christmas program.

Goat producers will hold meeting

By Tom Mills

Local goat producers have been working over the past 6 months to form a Goat Producers Association.

One task has been to identify producers who have goats and an interest in supporting association activities. The initial officers were set up to operate for 6 months, thus allowing a larger number of producers to be involved before a permanent officer rotation is established. On Thursday, Nov. 23, 2003, at 7:30 p.m., at the Rockcastle Co. Extension Service, members of the Goat Producers Association will elect officers. Presentations will include the details on grants for purchasing replacement meat-breed females and shared-use handling equipment. For more information contact the Rockcastle County Cooperative Extension Service at 256-2403. Educational programs of the Cooperative Extension Service serve all people regardless of race, color, age, sex, religion, disability or national origin.

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West Street, Brodhead, Ky.

Location: Turn off US 150 near Rockcastle Rehabilitation Center (formerly Sowder Nursing Home) onto West Street. Auction signs are posted.

In order to settle the estate of the late Mrs. Lucy Smith, her heirs have authorized our firm to sell this property for the absolute high dollar.

Tract 1: This tract is improved with a brick and wood siding home. The home offers a floor plan of formal dining room, living room with stone fireplace, kitchen with cabinets, 3 bedrooms, 1 1/2 baths and utility room with washer/dryer hookup as well as a full basement with a shower and an outside entrance. Amenities include: hardwood floors throughout, fuel oil heat, central air, city water and sewer. In addition, there is a two-car detached garage and a concrete block bank barn.

This home is situated on a nice lot containing 0.858 acres.

Tract 2: Contains 11.190 acres and joins Burton Lane as well as having two alleys and frontage on West Street. This tract would be well-suited for subdivision-type developments.

The seller reserves the right to offer the tracts separately, they together, selling in the manner which represents the best returns for the sellers. When combined, there is a total of 12.05 acres.

Tobacco Base: The basic tobacco allotment of 593 lbs. m/l will be sold separately from the property.

Auctioneer's Note: If you're in the market for a well-built home in one of Brodhead's best neighborhoods or if you're looking for some land in order to have "elbow room," then be sure to mark your calendar to attend this absolute auction.

Terms: 20% down day of sale, balance in 30 days.

Note: The purchase of a single family residence, built before 1978, has a maximum of 10 days to inspect the property for the presence of lead base paint. The period for inspection begins October 15th through October 24th. The successful bidder must sign a waiver of the 10 day post sale inspection period.

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Just Like Autumn Leaves......the price has fallen on this cute home and lot, on Hwy. 600 in Lexington. The home has living room, dining room, kitchen, vinyl floors, basement and kitchen appliances to name a few amenities. There is also a storage building. In addition, there is an extra 1/4 acre of private and woods. All for the reduced price of \$155,000. Call Mike McNamee today at M1787

One For The Money! Start!...Some opportunity with a well-located! Look into this newly-renovated home located at 25 Paul Street, Mt. Vernon. This home is loaded with features, including 3 bedrooms, kitchen, living room, hardwood flooring throughout, new fireplace, ceilings, front and back porches, city water and city sewer. Price reduced to sell quickly! \$38,900. M1719

A Sweet Good Buy! Reduced for quick sale! delicious deal awaits you on Dalley Avenue in the city limits of Mt. Vernon. This 1 1/2 story home features living room, dining kitchen, comb. and a bath. Amenities include: granite, oven range, refrigerator, washer/dryer hookup, 60 amp and a porch. The lot has city water and sewer, chain link fence and is also improved with a storage building. Trimming job to savings. Only \$155,000. M1765

Summer Harvest! Reap a golden value in this attractive mobile home. It offers 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, living room, dining/kitchen combination and that's not all! A friendly neighborhood and a nice level yard with trees make this an easy place to settle down. Priced at \$31,900. Call for info on a cash-saving stop. M1520

LE Deal! In any language, this double deal, located on McClellure Street in Livingston, is a fantastic buy for the reduced price of \$48,500. The Bedford stone home features 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, fireplace with insert, one-half basement and a detached 3-car garage. The vinyl sided 1 1/2 story home has 3 bedrooms, a bath, carpet and new blacktop drive. Call to see for yourself. M1733

Property With A Calculator! It's for counting all the money you can make on this investment! This property features a nice brick home and two metal storage buildings. The home also has living room, dining, kitchen, 1 1/2 baths and utility room as well as storm doors, washer/dryer hookup and electric heat. The storage buildings offer rental potential and contain 20 units measuring 10x20 each with concrete floors and overhead doors. To add up your opportunities, call for more details. \$165,000. M1764

How to Get a Head Start? Catch onto a deal like this affordable singlewide located at 180 McPherson Street, Mt. Vernon. This home offers 3 bedrooms, living room, dining kitchen, comb. and a bath. Amenities include: granite, oven range, refrigerator, washer/dryer hookup, 60 amp and a porch. The lot has city water and sewer, chain link fence and is also improved with a storage building. Trimming job to savings. Only \$155,000. M1765

If This Home Were A Novel, it's happy ending would be all this beauty for only \$73,500! This newly new vinyl sided home features living room, dining room, kitchen, 3 bedrooms & 2 baths, plus all the comfort of central heat and air and wall to wall carpet. You'll be cozy and comfortable and close to town with this home conveniently located on Wallin Street in Broadhead. Too unique for a sequel, so call today to thumb thru pages! M1760

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Country Charm! It's exactly what this home offers! Features living room, eat-in kitchen, 3 bedrooms, bath, utility room, and solar. This home has granite and wood heat, window A/C unit, and also includes 3 storage buildings. Situated on 1 acre in the Orlando section. Priced at \$49,000. M1775

Don't Settle For Less! Get more of everything living space in this 1997 14x60 mobile home situated on a nice lot. The mobile home has living room, dining, kitchen, 2 bedrooms and a bath. This includes all furniture, deep freezer, kitchen comb., washer/dryer, electric heat and much more. Priced to sell for only \$25,900. Come today to see your new living! M1738

How Do You Spell Opportunity? F-I-L-L-U-P-A-N-D-S-A-N-E-I! This home located in Mt. Vernon, TN, is approximately 1,200 sq. ft. living room, dining/kitchen combination, include: city water and sewer, 220 electric, baseboard heat and lots of potential. A do-it-yourself bargain. M1766

MORE! MORE! MORE! Get all three with this charming home and country setting. This nice home offers living room, dining, kitchen, 3 bedrooms and 1 1/2 baths. Some of the extras include: heat pump central air, wall to wall carpet, washer/dryer hookup as well as front and back porches. Located on John Cash Road and situated on 2 acres, more or less (partially fenced). This property is also improved with a carport and three storage buildings. Don't settle for less - all this and much more for only \$70,000. M1761

Repair a Little, Save a Lot! Buy a shrewd buyer, investigate this cozy 2 bedroom home. Located at 215 Williams, Mt. Vernon, this home also has a living room with fireplace, dining room, kitchen, bath and a partial basement. Suber 4 and convenience 2! Priced at \$55,000. Call for an appointment. M1645

A Wife, She Sighed! With this deal, you can't help but come out on top! Located on Miller Center Road, Cobb Orchard, this 1 1/2 mobile home, which must be moved, offers 3 bedrooms, bath, gas furnace, stairs down, oven range and washer/dryer hookup. And that's not all, a ceramic business with table and pouring table are included. Don't miss your chance - only \$11,000. Call today. M1705

Stained For Success! Satisfy your appetite for private living with this 3 bedroom, 2 bath vinyl sided home. The property also features a large 2 car garage with ample space and can be purchased with a large yard or 10 sculptures acres. The choice is yours! Call now for an appetizing preview. M1768

Come One! Come All! To see this cozy country home, located on a quiet road near Lexington. This 3 bedroom, 2 bath, dining room and very spacious family room. Call for your appointment and see what you've been waiting for! M1752

Whatcha Need for Whatcha Get! Match your budget with the reduced price on this feature-packed property located on Freedom School Rd. The property features a doublewide mobile home (only 1 year old), and a 3 car garage - the home offers living room, dining/kitchen comb., 3 bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths and utility room with a full central air, electric heat, deck wall to wall carpet, storm doors, three-pane windows and more appliances. You can buy for only \$62,900. M1666

Home Ownership Never Looked So Good! It's a beautiful thing in this 2001 model singlewide mobile home with living room, dining/kitchen comb., 3 bedrooms, 2 baths and utility room. Also has heat pump central air, some appliances and city water. Situated on 1/2 acre in the Barrow Subdivision on Hwy. 70 and priced at \$39,900. M1763

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Priced to Impress! Looks Equally Good! Inspect this lovely vinyl sided home, located in the Woodland Place Subdivision. This home features 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, living room, dining/kitchen comb. with dishwasher, utility closet, city water and sewer, plus a one-car attached garage and nice deck plus a fenced yard. Price has been reduced to \$75,000. Call for your appointment TODAY! M1684

Double-Grand Deal on this doublewide and lot perfectly located off Hwy. 661 close to Mt. Vernon and not far from Somerset! Situated in the Sunnyside Estates Subdivision, this home features living room, dining/kitchen comb., 3 bedrooms, 2 baths and utility room. Also has heat pump central air, dishwasher, and wood flooring. Fireplace. Price at only \$57,500. Call for an appointment M1776

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 Sat., Oct. 25 - 10 a.m. - Broadhead, Va.
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 Sat., Oct. 25 at 10:30 a.m. - Broadhead, Va.
Absolute Auction of Mr. Lester Senn's Mobile Home & 1.1 Acres incl. & Personal Property
 Sat., Oct. 25, 2003 at 1:30 pm - Just off Mark Hopkins Road, Somerset
Absolute Auction of N.W. George Burchard's House and 1.3 Acres
 Sat., Oct. 25 1:30 pm - Intersection of Hwy. 39 & John Cash Rd., Cobb Orchard
Doubleheader Absolute Auction of Mr. Martha Scott's Property #2: House and lot - Sat. Oct. 25, 2003 at 2:30 pm
 1343 Walnut Street, Cobb Orchard, Va.
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 418 Peach Street, Cobb Orchard, Va.
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 228 Main Street, Cobb Orchard, Va.
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Minds in the Middle

We were thrilled to see such a great turnout for our Open House on Monday. Thanks to the 21st Century Community Learning Center for sponsoring our chili supper and for helping coordinate our health fair. We appreciate our community so much for their participation and support. Thanks also to those who participated in our Arts & Crafts Expo. Those community artists were Charles White, Lydia McClanahan, Paula Whittaker, Benny Durham, Joe Howard, Chrissy Gentry, Darlene Clark, Chris Robbins, Rommie and Jackie Owens, Danny Stevens, John Holbrook, Charlotte Bullock, and our RCMS Holiday Express group. Yearbook sales will run through November 5th. The cost is \$23.00 and includes the student's name on the front cover. Order forms were given or mailed out earlier this week. Picture retakes will be next Thursday, October 30th. Students must present a note from their parent asking for a retake before they will be allowed to have their picture taken. The 8th grade Comets team enjoyed a visit to the police academy at Eastern Kentucky University on Friday. They also visited the planetarium. Health and Physical Education

students will rotate classes on Thursday. We welcome James Allen Bradley to our staff as our 3rd shift custodian. All of our custodial staff does a great job of making our school look good. The RCMS Touring Theatre performed at Roundstone Elementary on Tuesday morning and at the public library on Tuesday afternoon. Students performing in the Touring Theatre are Jessica Cummins, Blake McKinney, Willie Martin, Sally Mizer, Stephen Riddell, Darrin McKinney, and Leslie Burdette. October 27-31 is Red Ribbon Week for Drug Awareness. We have designated each day with a special theme. Monday will be Red Ribbon Day and we ask that all students wear red clothing. Tuesday's focus is United We Stand for a Drug Free Land. Dress patriotically. Wednesday is Put a Cap on Drugs Day and students may wear caps that day. Thursday will be Team Up Against Drugs Day. Wear your favorite team sweatshirt. Finally, Friday will be Say No to Drugs Day and everyone will be wearing orange and black. Wednesday our RAP sessions will focus on drug awareness.

YSC Update
In 1985, while working as an undercover agent for the Drug Enforcement Agency, Enrique Camarena was kidnapped and killed by drug traffickers. In response to his murder and the horrible effects of drugs on their society, citizens in Enrique's hometown began wearing red ribbons. The trend took hold throughout the country, and in 1988 Congress officially proclaimed the last week in October as Red Ribbon Week. We will be recognizing Red Ribbon Week and encourage parents to help us by talking to your kids about drugs. If you don't inform them, they will find out elsewhere! The National Education Association has a new web site:

www.camwetalk.org. It is designed to help parents talk to their children about healthy relationships and sexuality. It also has information about drug abuse and violence. The National Campaign to Prevent Teen Pregnancy offers tax free parents can use to reduce the risk of their kids having children before they are adults. Check out www teenpregnancy.org/tips. The eighth graders will be taking the ACT Explore test next week. The Challengers will take the test on Monday and the Comets will take it Tuesday. The purpose of the ACT Explore is to give students an indication of the skills that they need to work on in high school in order to better prepare for college and/or a career.



John Holbrook showed off his woodworking skills to RCMS students Tiffany Smith and Zach Robinson.



Local woodworker Benny Durham shows a variety of his items to RCMS staff members Pam Martin, Debbie McClure and Joanne McClure.



Former RCMS student Chris Robbins came back to display his broom-making skills.



Local artist, Janice Owens and her husband Ron Owens both displayed their work to RCMS students and parents. Pictured is Ron Owens telling student Christy Randolph about his handcrafted willow furniture. A complete list of those who volunteered their time is in the *Minds in the Middle*. Thanks to all of you!

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Printed below is a facsimile of the ballot which will be used in the South Mt. Vernon precinct in the General Election in Rockcastle County on Tuesday, November 4th.

Norma Hook, County Clerk

SAMPLE BALLOT

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Agricultural News

By Warden Alexander, FSA Director

Agribusiness News

Burley Tobacco Opening/Delivery Dates Announced

Three auction warehouses are scheduled to begin opening on November 17, 2003.

Opening date for Burley auctions has been set for the following Monday after the first receiving station opens or no later than November 17, 2003.

The Christmas holiday recess will begin after auction sales on December 16, 2003 and will resume January 5, 2004.

Philip Morris has announced their opening date as November 12, 2003 with the Thanksgiving break as November 26, 2003. Philip Morris will begin receiving again December 1, 2003.

The Christmas break for Philip Morris will be December 19, 2003 close of business and will resume January 5, 2004.

Closing date for Philip Morris contract sales at this time has not been set.

Livestock Assistance Program (LAP)

Rockcastle County has been added to the counties as being approved for the Livestock Assistance Program for the 2001 crop year.

To be eligible for LAP, the county must have suffered at least a 40 percent grazing loss for three or more consecutive months in a calendar year. A producer may receive a LAP payment on a per head basis of eligible livestock when the producer has control of adequate grazing land to support the eligible livestock. Eligible livestock include: beef and dairy cattle, buffalo, beefalo, sheep, goats, swine and other certain equine animals.

To qualify, a livestock producer must have suffered a 40 percent or greater loss of grazing production for three or more consecutive months due to drought, hot weather, disease, insect infestations, flood, fire, hurricane, earthquake, severe storm or other natural disaster. LAP payments will be reduced by the amount of assistance received by that producer under previous Livestock Compensation program (LCP-1), (LCP-II) and the 2002 Cattle Feed Program. A producer must possess beneficial and financial interest in eligible livestock that have been owned or leased for at least three months. A \$40,000 payment limitation also applies to LAP assistance.

Farin Storage Facility Loans

The FSA office has 7 farm Storage Facility Loans available to producers who have a need for increased storage. In order to be eligible as a producer must have a satisfactory credit history, have no delinquent federal debt, be a producer of facility loan commodities such as corn, soybeans or wheat, demonstrate the ability to repay the debt and be in compliance with USDA provisions for highly erodible land and wetlands.

Continuous CRP Sign-up

Eligible acreage devoted to certain special conservation practices such as riparian buffers, filter strips, grassed waterways, shelter belts, living snow fences, contour grass strips, salt tolerance vegetation and shel-

low water areas for wildlife may be enrolled at any time under CCC's continuous CRP sign-up. These practices are not subject to competitive bidding. For more information, contact your local FSA office.

Power of Attorney Forms

If you currently have a Power of Attorney on file with FSA, it is not valid for the new programs or transactions authorized by the Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of 2002 (Farm Bill). If you wish to retain an agent to act on your behalf for the new Direct and Counter-Cyclical programs, a new Power of Attorney form is required.

The FSA Power of Attorney, form FSA-211, has been revised to cover programs in the Act (referred to as the Farm Bill). Non-FSA power of attorney forms currently on file are not valid for any new program authorized by the Act. Farmers are cautioned that either an FSA employee or a Notary Public must witness signature on the FSA-211.

Loan Deficiency Payment (LDP)

To a commodity to be eligible for a loan or a Loan Deficiency Payment (LDP), the producer must have beneficial interest in the commodity in addition to other eligibility requirements.

For LDPs, the producer must retain beneficial interest in the commodity eligible from the time of harvest through the date the LDP is requested. For loans, the producer must retain beneficial interest in the commodity from the time of harvest through the date the loan is requested. CCC's Credit Corporation (CCC) takes title to the commodity. Changes to the 2002 Farm Bill permit all producers to be eligible regardless if the farm is participating.

For commodities immediately fed during harvest, the producer must complete a CCC-709, Part F within 60 calendar days after the date of harvest.

Commodities must be mechanically harvested. Grazing is not considered harvested and is not eligible for LDP.

All loans or LDPs requested shall be subject to a determination by CCC of such producers eligibility to receive a loan or an LDP, based on a review of any option to purchase of sales contract involving the commodity.

Farm Changes

Producers who have purchased or sold land should inform the FSA office of the change. A copy of the deed or land contract sales is required to update FSA records with correct ownership. Producers are also reminded to inform the FSA office of any change of address.

Important Program Dates

Grassland Reserve Program sign up ends August 8, 2003

Crop Disaster Program (CDP) sign up began June 6, 2003

Milk Income Loss Contract (MILC) Program sign up continues

Farm Storage Facility Loan Program sign up continues

Conservation Reserve Program sign up continues.

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4-H Speech Contest held

By John McQuerry

The Rockcastle Co. 4H Council will hold their annual 4H Speech Contest at 6:00 pm on Tuesday, December 2, 2003, at Mt. Vernon Elementary School. Just as last year, the contest will be held by a joint project with the county schools. Through 4H, the winning speakers will have the opportunity to advance to area and state competition.

Speech Contest Rules:
1. Any boy or girl, age 9-19, may participate in the 4-H Talk Meet Program. (The participant does not presently have to be enrolled in 4H.)

2. The top speeches from each grade will compete against other youth of their own age category and not necessarily against their grade. The age category is determined by their age as of January 1, 2004.

3. 4-H'ers cannot use the same speech this year in the county speech contest if he or she won that speech at the county, area, or state level last year.

4. Junior categories are ages 9 through 13. Senior categories are ages 14 through 19.

5. Junior age category talks are to be 3 to 5 minutes long. Senior age category talks are to be 5 to 7 minutes long.

6. A participant may secure assistance from anyone he chooses in writing or preparing his talk. There is no specific topic; any suitable topic can be used.

7. The participant and those who work with him should be familiar with a.) objectives of the 4H Speech Contest program, b.) a judge's score sheet, and c.) preparing the speech, and d.) pointers for giving a speech.

(Notes on these can be obtained from the participants teacher.)
8. Each contestant will be introduced along with the title of their talk, by the room chairman.
9. After being introduced, the speaker will present the talk. Speakers should not repeat the title of their talk.
10. Each representative for the Speech Contest must register by calling the County Extension Office at 256-2403 by Wednesday, November 26, 2003. Please furnish the participant's name, date of birth, full address, grade, teacher, school, and title of speech.
11. Each representative for the Speech Contest should be aware that if they win first or second place in their age category, they will have the opportunity to go to the area contest which will be in April of 2004 in conjunction with the Area Demonstration Contest and Variety Show.

For more information, contact the Rockcastle County Cooperative Extension Service at 256-2403. Educational programs of the

Kentucky Cooperative Extension Service serves all people regardless of race, color, age, sex, religion, disability or national origin.

Mt. Vernon Message

For the week of 10/23 Upcoming Events:

Our Family Resource Council meeting is scheduled for Thursday, October 23 at 11:30.

Don't forget to set your clocks back this week end. You get an extra hour!

Mark your calendar for the FRC sponsored Family Night on Monday, October 27, 2003.

Project Wisdom Readers for last week were:

Will McClure, Abby McClure, Kayla Carpenter and Kila French, student; Julie Asher, 4th grade teacher, was our mystery reader.

Our quote for this week is "A positive attitude is like a magnet for positive results."



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Property For Sale For Rent

For Sale: REDUCED! Private 18 acre farm, house, 2 barns, pond, 1 mile from I-75 at Exit 39, \$99,000. 256-3854-5232

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For Sale: Approx. 80 acres on 1912, Orlando Section, Rockcastle County. Asking \$35,000 or make offer. 606-256-3773. 1s4

For Sale: Bedford stone home on 3 partially wooded acres. Front porch back deck, 2 car attached garage, full basement, 2 fireplaces. \$79,000. Call for details. 606-256-9750. 49xmf

For Sale: Brodhead home site. One acre level, paved road, water, utility for doublewide. \$11,500. Will finance. 590 month. 859-314-3016 or 624-1718. 52xpf

Building Lots For Sale: Approx. 1 acre on old #61, conveniently located to town and I-75. Paved street w/city water available and scenic view. Will sell all for \$10,000 or will consider selling. Call 859-208-4242

Farm For Sale: Has doublewide mobile home on 53 acres, +/- located in Rockcastle and Pulaski Counties. Mobile home has 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, living room, kitchen, central kitchen and utility room, 7/10 mile road paving w/city water. 758-4115 or 256-9867. 40xmf

Restricted Lots For Sale: 1/2 to 2 1/2 acres, 3 miles from Mt. Vernon. Priced from \$7,500 to \$12,000. Call 379-1339 or 758-0103. 30fth

For Sale By Owner: House and Lot. 3-4 bedrooms, 2 baths, whirlpool tub, spiral staircase, fireplace, utility extra room, 2 storage bldgs. Black top drive, chain link fence. Less than 1 mile to lake. 758-0990, for more info. 39xmf

For Sale: By Owner. Bedford stone home on 1/2 acre lot. Has 3 bedrooms, 2 full baths, large living room with fireplace, kitchen and dining area combined, den, full basement, carpeted hardwood floors, alarm system, dual heating system and air conditioning. Located in Rockcastle County. Middle School. 256-7198. 1s2p

House For Sale: 2 bedroom, one bath in quiet neighborhood on Teyss St. in Mt. Vernon. Priced at \$27,500. Call 606-256-4047 or 606-256-2272. 2x1

For Rent: Trailers. 256-9183. 1s4p

For Rent: Small House. \$100/month. Call 606-256-5605. 2x1p

For Rent: 2 bedroom trailer, \$300/month plus \$150 deposit. 256-0890 or 256-4928. 2s2p

For Rent: 2 bedroom house, newly remodeled, in Mt. Vernon. \$360 a month. \$300 deposit. Ph. 758-8270 after 6 p.m. or leave message. 2s2p

For Rent: 2 bedroom apt w/water, dishwasher and refrigerator. \$300 security deposit. \$300 rent. 256-4662. 2s2p

For Rent: 1 bedroom loft apt. in Quail community. References required. \$225 month plus utilities. \$200 deposit. Call 1-859-661-0436. 2s2p

For Rent: Duplex in Brodhead. All appliances furnished. Ph. 758-0666. 35xmf

Accepting Applications: For 2 and 3 bedroom units at Valley View Apartments. Rent based on income. Call 256-5192. Equal Housing Opportunity, TDD for hearing impaired only. 1-800-247-2510. 36fth

For Rent: Mobile home lot in Mt. Vernon city limits. Water, sewer, KU electric, and cable available. \$130 mo. Call 256-5933. 27fth

Professional Services Yard Sale

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Jeff Woodall Hauling, Gravel, etc. Call 453-9622 or 308-2976. 50x14p

Dale's Building & Remodeling: Window replacement, decks, remodeling inside and out. Pressure washing, room additions, gurgens, rain canals and gutter cleaning. 606-370-9983 or 859-771-8618 (cell). 1s4p

Hedgepath Residential Services - Plumbing and Electric. Bathroom renovation. Great references. Work guaranteed. Floyd Hedgepath, 256-3751-51xmf

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House Painting, interior or exterior. Call 256-4755. 42xmf

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Rob's Roofing, 15 years experience. Gutter cleaning guaranteed. 758-8211. 27xmf

Steve Spoonamore Roofing. Free Estimates. 758-4318. 25xmf

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Level's Gun Sales & Repair: New used guns for sale. Ammo and gun accessories. Repairs, stock refishing, hot bluing. Certified gunsmith licensed firearms dealer. Maple Grove. Mon-Fri. 5 to 8 p.m. 256-3539. 11fth

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Yard Sale: Home of Coy Broughton in Williams on John Brown Road. Fri. 24th and Sat. 25th from 9 to 4. Plus size clothes, boys clothes, books, knick-knacks, toys, old clothes, almost new carpet-cleaner, etc. Everything cheap. Rain cancels to following week end.

Yard Sale: Located at Taylor Fruit Stand in Brodhead in Blue Ware-house on Albright St. New Items-Singer 44 fashioned treadle sewing machine, Home Interior, couch, swings, veneer dresser, chairs, mobile dresser, Hard Rock Maple coffee table, clothing, Whirlpool bath.

Yard Sale: Fri., 24th & Sat., 25th 9 to 7:40 Perciful St., below housing by Bernice Smith and Bernice Miller. 1g. & med. ladies dresses, sweaters, skirts, jackets, shoes, etc.; men's jackets, pants and lots of odd items.

2 Family Yard Sale: Thurs., Sat., 8 to 7: Wood/coal stoves, beds, microwave, entertainment center, much more. 9.5 miles from Livingston on Red Hill Road (1955).

Yard Sale & Bag Sale: Williams St. and West Main, Thurs., Oct. 23rd.

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Individual/family needed to provide care and training to an adult with mental retardation in their home. The adult may attend a 5 day per week program outside the home. Monthly reimbursement includes: training in self-help skills and room and board. Requirements are: must be 21 yrs. old, have a high school diploma/GED, and meet housing and training requirements. Please contact Donna Marshall at 606-256-2129 or Dianne Stanfill at 606-528-7010 ext. 270. We are an EOE.

Part-Time Positions are now available at the Cumberland River Comprehensive Care Center. Persons are needed for a Staffed Residence for three individuals with mental retardation. Position requires overnight stay. Weekend shifts available. Must have high school diploma/GED, clear driving and criminal record. Please contact the Cumberland River Comprehensive Care Center, PO Box 568, Corbin, KY 40702. Phone (606) 528-7010. We are an EOE.

Wanted

Wanted: Barnett's Auto Salvage located on Cove Branch Road buys junk cars and trucks and has used auto parts for sale. Also, Mechanic Work 2 mechanics on duty. Call 256-9013. 37fth

Help Wanted: Shine-A-Blind Cleaning Service. 859-239-0023 or toll free 1-866-554-2615. 2s4

Help Wanted: Painters needed. 3 years experience required. 859-302-3739 between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. Driver's license required. 1s4

Help Wanted: Laborers, foreman, carpenters needed. Must have tools, transportation and experience. Call 859-225-5834. 2s2

Help Wanted: Wendy's of Mt. Vernon is now hiring. Apply in person. 41fth

AVON - Earn Christmas Money taking orders from people you know. Discount on personal products. Independent sales representative. Call 1-818-528-7875 or 606-528-7875. 1s1xf

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Notice: is hereby given that Julia Taylor, 75 Newcomb St., Mt. Vernon, Ky. 40456 has been appointed Ad-

ministratrix of the estate of Duetry Jean Roach on the 1st day of October, 2003. Any person having claims against said estate shall present them, according to law, to the said Julia Taylor or to Wilita G. Coffey, P.O. Box 247, Mt. Vernon, Ky. 40456 on or before April 2, 2004. 52x3

Notice: is hereby given that Jerry Lee Denny, P.O. Box 557, Mt. Vernon, Ky. 40456 has been appointed guardian of Tara Lee Marie Denny on the 8th day of October, 2003. Any person having claims against said estate, shall present them according to law, to the said Jerry Lee Denny or to Jeffrey T. Baudette, P.O. Box 1250, Mt. Vernon, Ky. 40456 on or before April 9, 2004. 1x2

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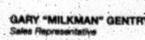
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Obituaries

Kim Childress

Mrs. Kim Childress, 47, of Mt. Vernon, wife of Jesse Childress, died Wednesday morning, October 22, 2003 at Rockcastle Hospital after a long illness.

The body is at Cox Funeral Home where arrangements are incomplete. A complete obituary will appear in next week's Signal.

Ted Albert Scott

Ted Albert Scott, 82, West Main St.; Mt. Vernon, husband of Verla Scott, died Wednesday, October 22, 2003 at Rockcastle Health & Rehabilitation Center in Brodhead.

The body is at Dowell & Martin Funeral Home where arrangements are incomplete. A complete obituary will appear in next week's Signal.

Arletta Norton

Mrs. Arletta Norton, 77, wife of Bill Norton, died Tuesday, October 21 at Rockcastle Health & Rehabilitation Center in Brodhead.

The body is at Dowell & Martin Funeral Home where arrangements are incomplete. A complete obituary will appear in next week's Signal.

Obituaries courtesy of local funeral homes



Robert Lee Slusher

Robert Lee Slusher, 79, of Livingston, died Sunday, October 19 at his home. He was born in Hartin County on February 15, 1924, the son of Floyd and Margaret Ferrel Slusher, was a coal miner and farmer and a member of the Pentecostal Church.

Survivors are his wife, Callie Slusher; six sons, Robert Lee, Jr. of Clopsint, Ky., Arnold Ray (Jean) and Ernest Slusher, all of Hyden, Roy Gene Slusher (Brenda) of London and Deweyne (Tammy) and Jerry Lee (Virginia), all of Livingston; five daughters, Christine Kelly and Geneva Kelly (Doyle), all of Clopsint; Glenda Jean Slusher and Norma Jean Slusher (Michael), all of Livingston and Carolyn Mae Carpenter (Albert Wayne) of Lameru, one brother, J.C. Collett of Blackmont; 34

grandchildren; several great and great great grandchildren and special friends, J.C. Whitt of Livingston and Amanda Clark of Mt. Vernon.

He was preceded in death by his first wife, Althea Fry Slusher; his parents; his stepfather, Elsie Collett; seven brothers, Will, Saul, Henry, Johnny, J.C. J.T. and Gilbert and four sisters, Pearl, Della, Dora and Nettie.

Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, October 22 at 2 p.m. at the Red Hill Community Baptist Church by Bro. Saul Carpenter and Elze Doan. Burial was in the Red Hill Cemetery.

Dowell & Martin Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Condolences to the Slusher family may be made by visiting his online register book at www.dowellmartin.com

Frankie Wayne Mobley

Frankie Wayne Mobley, 55, of Copper Creek Road, died Tuesday, October 14, 2003 at his residence.

He was born March 13, 1948 in Stanford, the son of Ernest Elbert Mobley and Pauline Rebecca Mobley. He had been a heavy equipment operator and had a special love of mechanic work.

Besides his mother, Pauline Croushore of Grab Orchard, he is survived by a son, Ernest Wayne Mobley (Michele) of Brodhead; a daughter, Tina Renee Schneider (Jack) of Deland, IL; two brothers, Phillip Moberly (Judy) of Copper Creek Road and Johnny Mobley (Debra), also of Copper Creek Road; two grandchildren; six step grand-

children; three nephews and a niece.

Funeral services were held Monday, October 20 at the Marvin E. Owens Funeral Home Chapel with Bro. Ralph Reynolds officiating. Burial was in the Piney Grove Cemetery in Brodhead.

Casketbearers were: Johnathan Noe, Tommy Woodall, Aaron Mobley, Jon Mobley, Billy Elam and Arnold McGuire.



Ruth M. Bussell

Mrs. Ruth M. Bussell, 75, of Mason, Ohio, and formerly of Brodhead, graduated this life October 16, 2003. She was born March 24, 1928 in Rockcastle County, the daughter of Arthur and Winnie Parrett Bryant.

Some of her special interests included activities in her church, cooking and needlework/sewing. She most recently was the director of the Deerfield Retirement Center and was a member of the Socialville Baptist Church.

Survivors include her son, Danny Bussell (Linda) of Mason, Ohio; a

daughter, Deborah Price (Wayne) of Brodhead; 13 grandchildren; eight great grandchildren; a brother, Kenneth Bryant; three sisters; Toy Addison, Ayra Moore and Lorena Klass as well as a host of nieces and nephews and many friends.

Besides her parents, she was preceded in death by a son, Jerry Bussell.

Funeral services were conducted Saturday, October 18 at the Brodhead Baptist Church with Rev. Paul Carmichael officiating with burial in the Piney Grove Cemetery at Brodhead.

Casketbearers were Jim Brummett, Janice Gregory, Jeff Pennington, Ray Bussell, Bobby Bussell and Jerry Bussell.

Memorials may be made to Hospice of Cincinnati, Ohio. Marvin E. Owens Home for Funeral was in charge of arrangements.

Edward Lee Eaton

Edward Lee Eaton, 59, of Brodhead, died Friday, October 17, 2003 at his residence. He was born in Madison County on May 21, 1964 and had been a resident of Brodhead for the last year and a half.

Survivors include his wife, Sandra Bullock Eaton of Brodhead; one son, Justin Lee Eaton of Berea; two stepdaughters, Trina Bustle and Tammy Howard, both of Brodhead; his mother, Maxine Carter Eaton of Berea; three brothers, Glendon Dale Eaton (Keena), Gerald Scott Eaton (Bevety) and Tommy Joe Eaton, all of Berea; three step granddaughters; four nieces and a nephew.

He was preceded in death by his father, Edward Glendon Eaton.

Funeral services were held Monday, October 20th at Reppert Funeral Home in Berea with Bro. Cecil Burns officiating. Burial followed in the Berea Cemetery.

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April prom date set

By JENNY SMITH

Prom 2004 has been officially set for April 24. Administrator's decided to take a different approach this year and set the date at the beginning of the year.

"I believe it's great that they already set the prom date, because we'll have plenty of time to prepare," said senior Kasheena Bullock.

Last year, prom was scheduled for May 17, the same day the RCHS baseball team was scheduled to play in Louisville. This conflict, which forced senior baseball players to decide between their team and their prom, has led many to believe that's the cause for the date being set so early this year, but Principal John Hale says otherwise.

"We tried to set the prom date around this same time last year, but with the unfortunate testing window change, the prom date had to be changed as well," he said.

The April date may seem early, but according to Dana Singleton, the prom coordinator, the date had to be moved to earlier in the year because school started earlier. This school year's last day is scheduled for May 10, one week before last year's date.

A decision on the actual date was a group effort.

"I sat down with the coaches and Mrs. Singleton. Together we decided which date would be best and that wouldn't conflict with school activities," said Mr. Hale.

As far as Mrs. Singleton knows there should be no conflicts with the prom date this year.

"We checked the baseball schedule, the track schedule, and the testing window, so we shouldn't have any problems this year," she said.



Senior Jennifer Kidwell works on the mural located outside Young's Pharmacy. Kidwell was just one of several local art students participating in the project.

Community art project underway

By JESSICA DENNY

Every town has a history—a story to tell—and a different way to tell it. Mt. Vernon will be telling its history through a series of murals created with help from RCHS's art students.

Art teacher Les Scalf is leading this historic crusade with the help of local artists and the promising young artists throughout his class.

"I saw it as a great opportunity to bring a historical Rockcastle County landmark to the forefront," said Scalf.

The first of the mural series is entitled *Spout Springs*. According to local legend Spout Springs was a regular resting place for settlers on their journey out west. Their animals would often rest and prepare for the rest of the trip. Eventually some settlers decided to stay. It is said, "Once you take a drink from Spout Springs you'll never leave Mt. Vernon."

The mural depicts a frontier setting with trees in the background. There are several settlers doing various tasks related to the time period. Animals are also included in the picture. There is a woman working on an animal skin and two children kissing.

Students recently began work on what was planned to be a two day painting, but were rained out on their second day. Instead,

they will now be invited to finish the mural on weekends, when the weather permits. The weather will decide the time it will take to finish the mural.

However, completing the mural shouldn't take long since the bulk of the painting is finished.

"We just need to work on the details of the painting, and making it more realistic," said Scalf.

Many of the students participating were very excited about their opportunity to beautify their community.

"It's a good way to add color, and make the town more appealing," said junior Zac Pensol.

Junior Kelli Frederick was happy to be involved with such a helpful project.

"I got to do something meaningful, and that will be a part of not only the town's history, but mine as well."

Scalf has already found a location for the next mural that will be on the side wall of Cox's Hardware.

With many students pumped up about the project the community is learning the real truth about most teenagers—they care.

**Basketball
admission
prices could
increase**

See the story on page 8

Dear Seniors...

Our senior year has finally begun, and with ten weeks already down, it seems as if the year is flying by. With the end of each day we are that much closer to graduation. Unfortunately, senioritis is also already making its appearance, pumping through our veins, but the amount in each person is different. There are those of us who do our homework diligently, thinking ahead to next year when there won't be teachers to hound and make certain we've done our work, begging us to make certain we get assignments in on time. Then there are those that can barely drag themselves in by 8:08. For them, the future may not be so clear, and real-life (aka, "life after high school") could be a slap in the face. Hopefully, we'll all have a clearer picture of the future as the weeks go by and the first semester nears an end.

Even though we are creeping ever closer to that graduation day, we shouldn't forget that we were once freshmen. We stood in the middle of the halls and giggled just like all the freshmen we have seen since then. At one time we were klutzy and clueless. We'll all be there again, soon enough.

As we celebrate our last year as children, we must prepare for our first year as adults. College, the military, and vocational schools won't wait. Applications are due and plans must be made. We still have to set goals for the years to come, but we can still make this year memorable and worth while.

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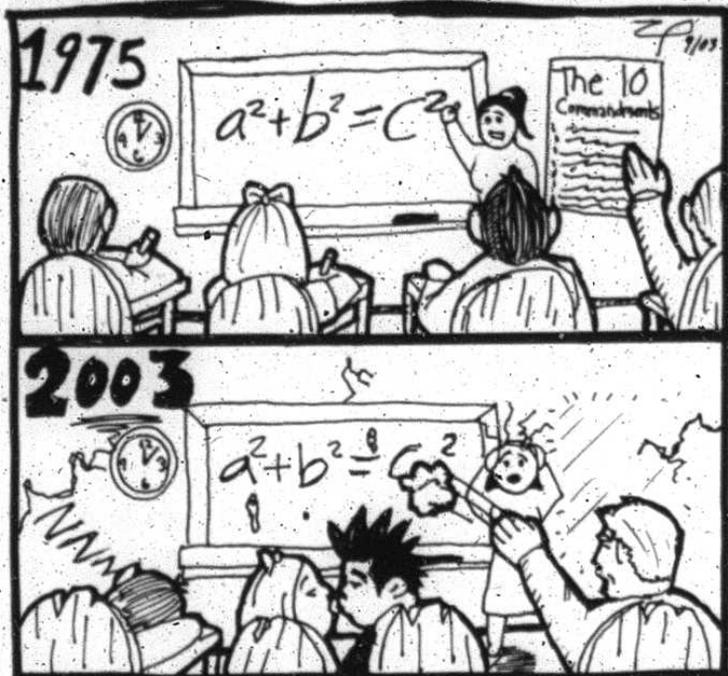
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Morals could return with Ten Commandments

By ASHLEY MIZE
GUEST WRITER

As I walk down the halls and visit my classrooms each day at the high school, my attention is drawn to the many posters plastered on the walls. Although the posters may not apply to me, out of curiosity I may glance at them to see what they are pertaining to. As I read through these posters and flyers, I can't help but feel there is a very important one missing...the Ten Commandments.

Personally, I think that the Ten Commandments should be posted in schools, as well as other official public buildings. The Ten Commandments is a historical document, and should be treated as one. Just as the Bill of Rights which states our freedoms, the Ten Commandments states laws by which we should live. Some people may feel that the Ten Commandments shouldn't be placed in schools because of its reference to God, but there are many historical documents that already do. "America the Beautiful", "The Pledge of Al-

"There have been school shootings, drugs and many other things taking place that shouldn't. I don't think it would be as severe if the Ten Commandments were posted."

legiance" and even our money involve God. So why are these documents allowed to be posted and not the Ten Commandments?

Some of you may also feel that it would not be fair for those people who don't believe in God or the Ten Commandments to be exposed to them. They may not believe, and that is their choice. However, I do not believe in the "Big Bang" theory, or that people evolved from monkeys, but I have been exposed to that. Just because you read the Ten Commandments doesn't mean

you have to believe or agree with them, but wouldn't it be unfair to not let those who do believe have the opportunity to see them posted in their school?

School has changed a tremendous amount over the years. It used to be a place where a person could come and feel safe, but it isn't that way anymore. There have been school shootings, drugs and many other things taking place that shouldn't. I know some of these things will continue no matter what, but I don't think it would be as severe if the Ten Commandments were posted. If students just got the opportunity to read them, they may think twice about their actions, whether it be bringing a gun to school, or just simply letting a curse word fly.

I feel strongly that the Ten Commandments should be posted in schools. Really, what's the harm of being exposed to ten simple rules about how to live?

The Rocket welcomes guest opinion columns, as well as letters to the editor. Letters and columns will be edited for grammatical purposes, and may be adapted due to length of a piece. Submit to Miss Norton in Room 116.

OPINION

It Rocks... It Reeks...

New teachers. With a new year come new faculty members. They usher in excitement about what changes may be brought to RCHS halls.

Snacks at break. The perfect remedy to your, after-lunch stomach growls are the endless snacks they sell during break. A little caffeine and chocolate help keep you awake during that long fourth block.

New Clubs. The Young Democrat's Club and the Honors Club (a combination of Beta Club and National Honors Society) have both been added to the club schedule this year. Young Democrat's Club has added necessary competition for the Young Republican's Club and has provided an outlet for all student's opinions. The Honors Club allows students to join two respected clubs at once.

New Fall T.V. Season! All your favorite shows are back again. From *Will and Grace* to the new *Lyon's Den*, an entirely new era of television is approaching. This also means students now have to juggle homework schedules with television schedules.

Mrs. Corder and Ms. Powell are gone. Good comes with the bad. We will greatly miss Ms. Powell's antics and the sweetness of Mrs. Corder.

\$1.75 candy bars. Although we greatly appreciate the "pick-me-ups", we don't like having to sell our souls to afford a candy bar.

\$30 for single club due. To join the Honors Club alone, it is an unexpected \$30. It was not the student's idea to have these two clubs combined, so why do they have to pay for both? Leadership roles were also picked last year for NHS. It is up in the air now if they will still be able to keep their positions. Students won't pay extra money for a club they didn't initially want to join if the leaders they elected won't be in office.

The last season of Friends. Every Thursday night people turn on their televisions and are greeted with a "How you doin'?" However, the friends that have been with us for nearly a decade are completing their final season, leaving many avid watchers without their beloved "friends".

Parking lot changes could prevent accidents

All the years I've been here, I've heard complaints about the school parking lot. You can't see. You can't park. You can't even keep your own spot. I never thought much about these problems until I recently got my license. Usually, everyday is a breeze, but a sudden wreck in the school parking lot brought me screeching to a halt.

I leaned as far back as my seat would go, attempting to see if there were any approaching cars. Seeing nothing, I slowly began to back out of my space. I was close to re-extended right there by a car that came 90 miles an hour from nowhere. I quickly pulled back in my space, avoiding the collision. Thinking everything would be fine now, I

checked my mirrors again and slowly pulled onto the road. As I was switching gears, I looked up and saw a very worried expression on the face of a friend. I quickly glanced to my right, and before I could move, I was sideswiped by another car. We both quickly parked, and looked at the damage done to each other's vehicles. She had large scrapes on her bumper along with a dent, and I had a scratch all along the side of my car, with some paint removed. All of this could have been avoided with some simple parking lot planning.

As new drivers, we aren't experienced parkers. For this reason, don't give us straight parking slots that are half the size of usual ones. People are always

throwing their cars in reverse and having to give another go at parking in their allotted inch of space. Slanted spaces would give us more maneuvering room, and allow us to easily pull in to our spot each day.

The main problem, however, is that we are blinded as we back out of our spaces. Until we are at least half way out of our spaces, there is no way for us to tell whether a car is coming down the road and about to hit us. By then, it's usually too late to do anything about it. If we have large vehicles that park next to us, this only aggravates the problem. That was one of the

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The real animals among us

BY KYLA FRENCH

Animal cruelty occurs everyday, sometimes going unnoticed. However, after my recent experiences with it, I find myself questioning how this can go on and how people can get away with harming defenseless animals.

Every weekend, I go to Dad's house. One of the first things I do when I arrive is feed my Australian Shepherds, Comet and Dakota. As I walked through my yard one particular weekend, bucket of water in hand, I noticed that they weren't coming when I called to them. I froze midway through my trip, dropped the water, and ran out to the other side of our home. Not wanting to go any closer, I enlisted the help of my stepmother to check

on my beloved pets. As she paused by one of the dogs, I realized what had happened. The dogs I had since I was nine years old were dead.

After the initial shock wore off, my family began to question what had happened to cause this. We immediately ruled out natural causes, because one dog was half the age of the other. Our first assumption was that the outside temperature had just gotten too high for them. However, both their bowls of water were at least half full. This couldn't be the reason for their early deaths. After much thought, we can come to no other conclusion than they were poisoned.

I've always had a heart for animals, and for those people who have been affected by animal cruelty. I never realized how devastating it could be until it happened to me. We think we know who committed this crime, but are unable to prove it. I've met the boy before and I can't help but wonder what kind of person would do this to an animal. How can you want to murder a member of someone's family?

Too much leniency is put on the offenders of animal rights laws. A history of animal abuse has been found in 25% of aggressive male

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Down the Hall: Students & staff test their knowledge**What is a kaffeeklatsch?**

A social gathering for informal conversation and coffee



AP English students take the pizza prize

Ms. Jennifer Mattingly's AP English IV students won the door decorating contest held in the English hallway Tuesday, October 14. Their theme, "Pathways to Symbolism," won them a pizza party paid for by the other English teachers. At right, Becca Alsip applies some decorations to the door. Below, Sarah Mullins works to complete the project by the 2:00 PM deadline.



Freshmen participate in scheduling experiment

By BILL BURDETT

Over fifty freshmen are listed on English teacher Shane Shoemaker's first block attendance roster. So does math teacher Lana West.

The high numbers aren't caused by an increase in the student body; instead, it's the result of a split block schedule, an experiment that could lead to changes next year.

"We have two classes that are taking full block math and full block English, and two classes that are using split-block," said RCHS Principal John Hale. "They were randomly grouped so we should get a pretty good idea of how much impact the schedule's had on the students' performance."

By creating a class that is only 45 minutes long and meets all year (instead of 18 weeks for 90 minutes) split block scheduling is designed to allow the students more time to learn material.

"It doesn't allow the students to get bored in class, and we can go at a slower pace," said Mr. Shoemaker.

There have been some adjustments to make, especially for teachers who are used to planning for a 90 minute period. Modifying their classes to fit the 45 minute period has proven to be a challenge.

"It seems like the teachers never finish their lessons [in a single

class] because they aren't used to it yet," said Jonathan Robbins, one of the students taking the split block.

Mr. Hale is expecting enough data to be collected by the end of the year in order to compare the schedule's effect.

"If our research pays off we would probably increase some of the offerings for freshmen next year, especially in the areas of math and language arts. Any other offerings we would have would likely be in elective courses," Mr. Hale said. "We haven't made any definite decisions, but we are exploring."

Budget problems cause questions at RCHS

By KYLA FRENCH

Recent budget cuts at Rockcastle High may prove the school to be "a day late and a dollar short." Supplies have been cut from several areas, creating many difficulties.

RCHS Principal John Hale says the cuts are not the fault of the school itself, but the students play a major role in funding.

"The budget committee for the school can merely suggest to the [SBDM] council a budget. The council makes the final decision," says Hale. "However, student attendance boosts our financial aid."

The war in Iraq has also had an affect on the slowing of economy in Kentucky. This has trickled down to Rockcastle, worsening the financial crisis.

"Money is being drawn out of the treasury, leaving less for education," says Hale. "War is expensive. Freedom comes at a price."

Main departments at RCHS have been unexpectedly denied state funding for key materials.

"Our chance to get new textbooks was this year," says math teacher Morissa Hayes. "We were very disappointed." The textbook ordering has been put off until next year.

Chorus director Letha Hembree is anticipating problems for the future of her class.

"I run out of money in March," says Hembree. "Whatever we do in April or May will have to be paid through fundraising or out of our pockets."

Supplies in general are also depleting quickly.

"We have to use pocket money to pay for markers and other supplies," says English teacher Angela Baker. "Once these things are gone, they're gone."

Not only are teachers experiencing drawbacks in funding, but they are subject to new bid lists, preventing the ordering of customary materials.

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"We aren't able to order our usual supplies," says Social Studies Department head Debbie Coleman. "We have to be very selective about what we order."

Many are questioning how the school has suffered so many cutbacks with classroom necessities, but was able to fund the moving of the counselor's offices.

"That money came from capital outlay, which only funds building projects," said Hale. "We will hopefully be using that money to build an area technology center or bleachers on the other side of the football field."

Students themselves are becoming involved in the school's spending plan as they examine why the school has new benches and trashcans, but no new textbooks.

"The Spanish Club thought they would make the new additions for the convenience of the students," says Hale. "They and Ms. Powell paid the bill 50/50."

Even with cutbacks, RCHS has been very fortunate not to lose teachers.

"Our system has managed their money well," says Hayes. "I'm very thankful that there were no teacher cuts this year."

Students are also realizing the impact of the financial dilemma RCHS is facing.

"We can't have outdated materials," says junior Emily McKinney. "If the state wants us to go on, and be successful, they need to provide us with the proper resources."

Teachers have developed an understanding of the cuts, but not a comprehension of why the state will not emphasize education.

"I hate to see the cutbacks, but I understand that they are a necessity," says Coleman. "It's important that our state lawmakers take a look at our budget and keep education first."

"Money is being drawn out of the treasury, leaving less for education. War is expensive. Freedom comes at a price."
Principal John Hale

New teachers join RCHS, jump right in

BY ALLISON ANDERSON

This school year has brought about many changes and two of those are new teachers: Ms. Hope Benavides and Sergeant Keith Graves.

Ms. Hope Benavides is now RCHS's Spanish teacher while Sergeant Keith Graves is a JROTC instructor.

Last year when Ms. Pam Powell retired, it seemed as if there wasn't anyone who could replace her, but Ms. Benavides is up to the task.

As a Lexington native, Ms. Benavides is like a pro at working in a new school. She has been teaching for 11 years and has been at schools in Fayette, Clark, and Jefferson Counties. When asked why she chose another school, she gave an answer that many new teachers usually give: "to be closer to home."

"I also have a 22 month old son named Roman, and when I am not at school, the rest of my time is devoted to him."

Ms. Benavides, who lives in Richmond and even in the same neighborhood as Ms. Powell, now has a shorter drive to RCHS, which seems to give her more time to be



Sergeant Keith Graves recently joined RCHS's faculty as the new JROTC instructor.

with her son and husband. She also said that Ms. Powell has been a great help.

"Ms. Powell is very nice. She loaded the back of my van up with tons of materials to teach with," she said.

No matter what her motivation was to join the staff at RCHS, her students just appreciate that she did. Students who have not even had her a month already have good things to say about her.

"Ms. Benavides is really interesting. She has shown us

pictures from her trip to Mexico," said junior Jessica Alcorn.

Exciting plans are also being made for the Spanish students by Ms. Benavides.

"I would like to plan a student trip to Mexico, hopefully around 2005."

The arts and humanities department isn't the only one getting a new addition. Sergeant Keith Graves is a new instructor for the JROTC program. Sergeant Graves, who has been a recruiter and even substituted and drove a

school bus, is a native to Rockcastle. His son Ben attends RCHS and is a junior while his wife, Caroline, is the principal at Brodhead Elementary where his youngest son attends.

Sergeant Graves is very excited about his new position. He will be in charge of the drill team, which consists of everything from ceremonies and marching, to the color guard.

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New coach looks forward to challenge

BY MARIA HENBLEY

Coaches may come and go, but Mr. Jesse Mahaffey is definitely looking forward to taking on the challenge of becoming RCHS's next softball coach.

"I love coaching, working with young people, and I love a challenge," said Mr. Mahaffey. "This is definitely going to be a challenge."

Mr. Mahaffey will be taking over for Mr. Clay Dollins who left Rockcastle County schools to join the Madison County school system. Assistant coaches for this year's team will be Mr. David Riddle and Mr. Ken Hopkins.

"We will play it more like the game of baseball," explained Mahaffey about his strategy for this season. "I'm very excited; it's interesting. We will be learning something new everyday."

Conditioning will be after Christmas and tryouts will be held on February 15 for everyone "except for basketball players and cheerleaders," he said.

Depending on the number of those who try out for the team, between 18-22 girls will make the team. Although not everyone can make the team, all females interested in the sport are encouraged to try out.

"The more people the better."

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It is life itself."

-John Dewey

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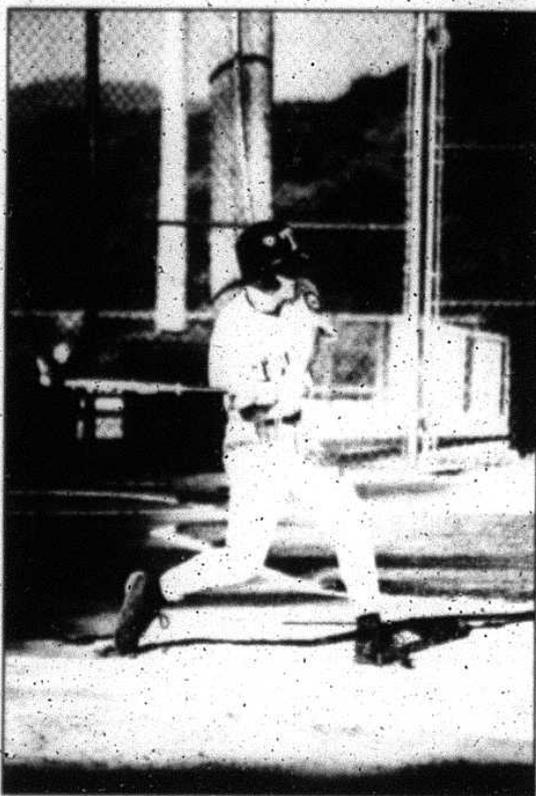
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Senior Devin Taylor takes a swing for the Somerset Twins. The Twins placed third in the nation.

Two RCHS athletes compete at national level

By ALLISON ANDERSON

Two RCHS students did more this entire summer than just enjoy a little R 'n' R. Senior Devin Taylor and sophomore Colby Brown played baseball for the Somerset Twins American Legion Baseball team which, with their help, placed third in the nation.

Taylor, who is the starting hind catcher for the RCHS baseball team, also started for the Twins. Starting June 6, he played a total of 62 games. This was after already playing for the Rockets who went to state for the first time in school history. The next day he went to a tournament for the Twins in Tennessee.

This is Taylor's second season with the Twins and one of the teams' most successful. They won their district and state before earning third in the Great Lakes region of the nationals. This is only the second time they have ever won state.

Brown, who began playing with the Twins late this summer just before districts started, is a pitcher. The Twins asked him to pitch after they lost some of their most important pitchers as the regular season was ending. He was also the starting pitcher in the state game for the Rockets.

Taylor has plans for the future and says playing for the Twins can offer many opportunities.

"It helps players from smaller areas like Rockcastle to be seen more by colleges. Coach, who is a professional scout for the Cincinnati Reds, also has great connections with anyone, anywhere."

Eventually, he would like to play baseball at FSU.

The Twins is a team filled with players from across the state, including Boyle County, Russell County, Corbin, Somerset, and Laurel County. It consists of high school players from ages 16 to 18.

Both Taylor and Brown had conflicts with other sports because of baseball. Brown, who is also on the RCHS golf team, missed many of the practices and some of the first matches. Taylor, who plays football and was a starter last year, was not even able to practice until the week of the first game against Larue County at the Pigskin Classic.

"I am still suffering consequences in football, but I made a commitment to play for the Twins," he said.

Taylor does feel like all the practices, games, time and hard work were worth it after getting to play in a national tournament.

"The competition of the teams you play with is twice of that of the teams you will play with in high school. It's something different that you can't make with high school players. It helps make you a much better baseball player than you would have normally been."

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RCHS's volleyball team heads to state

Players hope three tim

By PAULA ROWLAND

Teenagers haven't always had a positive attitude when it comes time for school to start back. However, this year at RCHS, things have changed.

Girls are walking up and down the halls more excitedly, anticipation written on their faces.

"What has changed?" you ask. The answer is simple. New volleyball coaches have brought new-found hope to an RCHS team facing its third coach in three years.

With Coach Larry Lee's volleyball background of playing at EKU and Assistant

Coach Bill Yarnell's ten years in the sport, they feel the change has helped the team in a tremendous way.

"I think our experience will help the team wonderfully because we can teach the girls what we already know," said Coach Lee.

Senior Amanda Rogers has a positive outlook on her new coaches.

"The coaches know what they're talking about, and they're more our age so they can relate to us even better," she said.

However, the switch has

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been an adjustment.

"It's kind of hard to adjust to their expectations of us," senior Stephanie Price said. "We didn't know exactly what they were looking for, both physically and mentally."

How do the coaches feel about being the team's third coach?

"I feel bad about it," says Coach Lee. "If they [the volleyball team] would have had more consistency, they could have been better."

However, the girls couldn't have seemed too bad upon first glance, not according to Coach Lee.

"I heard a lot of good things about the girls and I knew I would be here for a while, that's when I decided to become their coach."

I saw they had a lot of talent, but were just rough around the edges. They've improved a lot with their offense and defense, and their techniques."

With such great improvement, the girls feel confident about their season.

"I expect a lot of wins this season," said Childress.

Rogers and Price agree, adding "We expect to go to state this year."

Coach Lee predicts a good

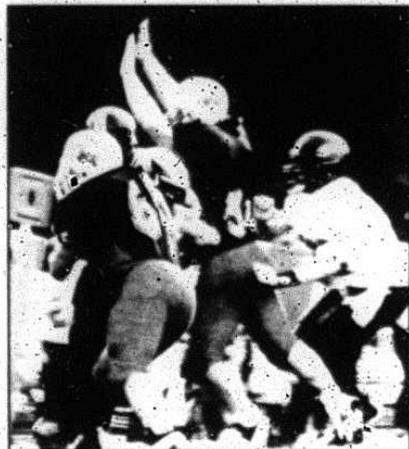
season for the team and foresees regionals.

"I expect it to be very good, a great season."

The senior volleyball team members all agree this year, they hope to get closer as seniors, to work hard, and to win.

When Coach Lee and Coach Yamell were asked what makes them any different than the prior coaches, a smile spread across their faces from ear to ear.

"We just make it fun," said Lee. "Now they know the correct things to do and they feel more confident in themselves."



The Rockets' record stands at 6-2. They defeated Madison Southern Friday night 44-0.

Editor's Note: The following article was written at the beginning of football season. Realize that players and their positions may have changed since that time. RCHS is now 5-2, with a 1-1 district record. This does not include the Rockets' October 17 game against Madison Southern.

Young Rocket team begins new season

By SERENA CUNNAGIN

It's always been said that the Rockcastle County Rockets don't rebuild their football team, they just reload. However, a lot of young players who didn't see much playing time last year, means this could be a rebuilding year, according to Head Coach Tom Larkey.

Senior Devon Bussell, #7, will be replacing Stephen Boring; Blake Lovell, #76, will be replacing Tanner Abney; and Nick Thomas, #62, will be replacing Michael Brummett. Jason Leger, the strongest player this year, will be a returning starter.

"We've got a young team, but a lot of good players that will make it," Leger said. "We have a lot to learn."

Many of the team leaders' goals are to make it to the carpet for the third time. The players have said that with a lot of hard work and dedication they may be able to pull it off. As a team they will have to work together and get in shape. As individual players, they will have to stay in shape and give it their best.

"I will have to look at the man across from me, tighten my chin strap, pin my ears back and tell him he's mine for the rest of the game," said Thomas.

Coach Larkey said that the strongest point of the team is, the offensive line lead by Leger and Thomas. Running backs this year are Chris Crucher, a returning starter, Max Saylor, who was injured last season, and senior Caleb Blair.

"Offensive needs help and I hope the other players will step up," said Larkey.

One coaching change was made this year. Coach Tony Saylor and Adam Coleman have switched positions. Coach Coleman will be stepping up as defensive coordinator; Coach Saylor will be assisting Coleman in game plans and Larkey with equipment preparations.

The Rockets defeated Larue at Corbin in their season opener 8-21. The coaches believed they played hard and were in pretty good shape for the game. Coach Chris Larkey said that the team did a good job blocking, but didn't do enough passing plays.

"We made a lot of downers, a lot of mental errors, but that was expected," said Tom Larkey. "I think we're going to improve in all that."

"We're young, but we have a lot of kids that know what they're doing. We have just got to pull it together," said Taylor.

European student studies at RCHS

By JESSICA RIDDLE

There is a new face at RCHS this year. It belongs to exchange student Claudia Schmidt of Erfurt, Germany.

She is enrolled as a senior, and is planning to participate in volleyball.

This opportunity to come to America is not only educational, but is also a "self-evaluation," she says.

Schmidt explains that she wants to see how she could do on her own, away from her family.

She says the reason for coming to America is for "experience and to test my independence."

Schmidt, who arrived in Rockcastle County August 24, has seen many differences in America and Germany after only a short amount of time.

"Everyone is so friendly, open and happy," she said. "The people always have a smile on their faces."

At age 17, Schmidt may have only one year left of school in America, but back home, in Germany, she must complete two more years.

"This year in America doesn't count as part of my education in Germany," said Schmidt.

This school is also very different from the one she left behind.

"The school is smaller, and my school in Germany has three stories.

Schmidt, who hopes to improve her English language and speaking skills while in the United States, is expecting this year to be a great one, full of surprises.

"I am really looking forward to learning more about the culture," she says.



Claudia Schmidt is RCHS's exchange student.

German for Beginners:

Guten Tag! = Hello!

Guten Morgen = Good morning!

Guten Abend = Good evening!

Gute Nacht = Good night!

Wie geht es Ihnen =

How are you?

Wie geht's? =

How are you? (informal)

Danke, gut. = Fine, thanks.

Sehr gut. = Great.

Es geht. = Okay. So-so.

Nicht so gut. = Not so well.

Auf Wiedersehen. =

Good-bye.

Have you ever traveled overseas? If so, we'd like to hear from you. Please contact Ms. Norton in room 116 for a possible story in the future.

Several reasons behind relocation

By INDI RUBE

When school started, I walked down to the office expecting to get my scheduled changed, but what I found was a different name on the door. It turns out I was in totally the wrong section.

If this sounds familiar, don't worry it happened to many students old and new this year. According to Principal John Hale the changes were made for various reasons.

One of the reasons for David Riddle's move to upstairs was that technology teacher Ed Peterson is teaching two new-tech classes. Riddle's former office is located next to Mr. Peterson's which meant that he needed Riddle's room in order to have the two new classes.

This change meant that Mr. Riddle needed a new space. The rest is the result of a domino effect.

Mr. Riddle, Jesse Mahaffey, Kyle Radar and Sandy Bullock were relocated in the former Youth Services Center, which was moved downstairs in the former guidance office so they could work more closely with attendance.

RCHS counselors Janice Miller and Dale Whitaker are now located in the upstairs hallways near the library.

Miller believes the move will, in time, be a positive change for both the staff and the students, but she feels that it is too early in the year to tell how big the change has actually been.

Sophomore Justina Denney agrees that the change has made it

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Literary magazine will be student led, student created

By JENNY SMITH

Rockcastle County High School students will soon have an outlet for their creativity. RCHS teachers Jennifer Mattingly and Les Scalf are working to create a student led literary magazine which will include work written exclusively by students.

Specific details about the magazine are still vague, but Ms. Mattingly, who teaches English, and Mr. Scalf, RCHS's art teacher, will select a group of students who will be the literary editorial staff, and a group that will be the visual arts editorial staff.

Members of the creative writing club will make up part of the literary staff, in addition to other

students who have not yet been selected, says Ms. Mattingly.

The magazine will be called *Corners and Cobwebs*. The title was selected by the creative writing club.

"The whole idea is for students to submit writings or artwork—that they select their best pieces," said Mr. Scalf.

Even though the year-long project is still in the developmental stage, Ms. Mattingly and Mr. Scalf are certain that the writing, visual arts, editing, publishing, marketing, and layout will be student led.

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Council considers admission increase

By JESSICA RIDDLE

As John walks into the gymnasium doors, he reaches into his pocket to get out his three dollars he needs to buy his ticket to get into the basketball game. When he reaches the table to buy his ticket he realizes that he doesn't have enough money. Why?

The SBDM (Site Base Decision Making) Council is considering a raise in the ticket prices from three dollars to four dollars a game.

If approved, the school will offer a student pass which can be purchased for the original price for each of the remaining games on the schedule. These prices will be offered throughout the basketball season at the Rock Shop.

The SBDM Council met Wednesday, September 24 and

made a motion to increase the admission for double header varsity and double header jayvee/varsity games for both the girls and boys. The final decision for the raise in ticket prices will be Wednesday, October 22.

"Everyone will have to wait for the decision of the SBDM council until the next meeting in October. Every policy has to go thru two meetings before it can be passed," said council member Connie Riddle.

The reason behind raising the price of the admission is to help the boys' and girls' basketball team raise funds to support each of their programs. This will help buy new game and practice uniforms, along with other equipment needed but not in the budget.

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Washington Adventures

College reps begin annual tour

Students from RCHS attend Gear-Up conference

By Bill Burdett

Three Rockcastle County High School students represented Kentucky at the National Gear-Up Conference in Washington, D.C. this summer. Only 30 high school students were selected nationwide to participate.

"My favorite part was meeting people my age from different backgrounds," says representative Jenna Cummins, a junior.

At the conference the representatives, along with other Gear-Up enthusiasts from across the country, participated in various leadership training activities. One such activity was to construct a shelter using only newspaper. It had to be large enough for one person to fit in and the smallest, best-constructed shelter won.

The activity was designed to improve communication and leadership skills, explained Cummins, who was on the team with the winning shelter.

For Cummins one notable aspect of the conference was the development of a book, which was created by all 30 members at the summit.

Conference members had a "direct effect on the future of education."

"Everyone in the summit contributed to the book. We broke into groups based on educational topics such as money, teachers, etc.," said junior Harold Burdette. "We gave ideas on how Gear-Up can contribute to fixing such problems."

Copies of the book were presented to Congress.

When asked what about the summit will stick with her the most, Cummins responded, "That we had a direct effect on the future of education."

On the last day of the summit Kentucky's three representatives put on a skit in front of two

congressmen and 1,800 representatives from Gear-Up committees across the U.S. and a few other countries!

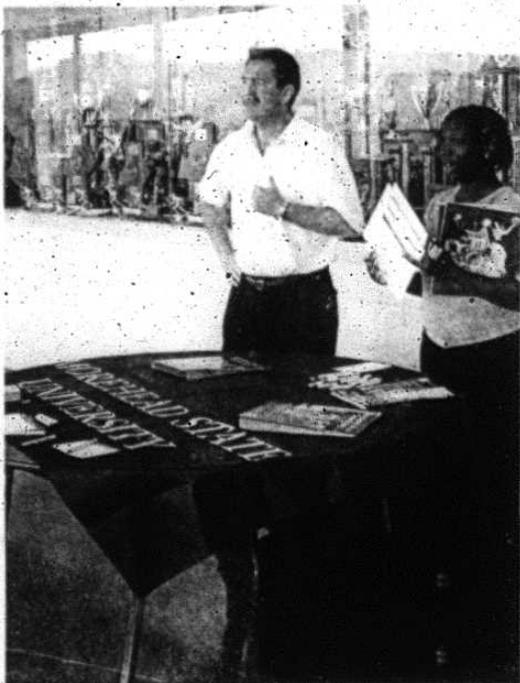
"We sat up late that night planning it out and finally we got the idea to do a construction theme. The entire play was set on construction site and had similarities to real-life school issues," said junior Cody Moore.

Moore feels that overall the trip was a great success, and "we should begin to see results in the next few years."

Burdette agrees.

"The trip to D.C. was a trip I'll never forget. I made relationships with people that won't be lost and I appreciate the opportunity of getting to go."

Gear-Up is a nationwide organization that provides regular fully paid trips and activities for middle school and high school students. Gear-Up also assists students in obtaining college scholarships and educating them about multiple college opportunities and programs.



Guidance counselor Dale Whitaker speaks with a representative from Morehead State University.

As Senior year begins

Don't be the one left behind

By Audrey Burke

It's that time, seniors. Time to start looking to the future or, more specifically, to college in order to get a jump on the game.

Guidance Counselor Dale Whitaker named off a few basic things that college bound seniors need to do now to prepare for their next step of education.

1. Research: Whitaker suggests "researching the colleges and technical colleges that the students themselves are interested in." Mainly they need to find majors and areas of study they are interested in.

"There have been students in the past that have gone to a school that didn't offer the major or area of study they wanted," said Whitaker.

2. Apply: The next thing to do, according to Whitaker, is to get application forms from schools you

are interested in, start filling them out, and go ahead and send them in. He says a common mistake is students waiting until they can take the ACT.

"Most schools have an admissions deadline date. More and more colleges are being selective, so the sooner you can get your name in front, the sooner they decide on you. Even if students apply by deadline the schools will already have admitted students, and they won't be able to take on many more," he added.

3. Take ACT: The next thing to do is fill out the ACT registration form and prepare to take the test. The test costs \$26, or \$42 if one applies late and has to pay the late fee. The deadline for the October test is September 19.

Even if students don't plan on

going to college, Whitaker still encourages them to take the ACT because plans change, and even jobs require people going back later on to further education.

"It's better to take it in high school, to take it while this education is fresh on the mind."

4. Apply for Scholarships: Obtain scholarship applications and be aware of the deadlines. There are approximately 21 local scholarships, but the actual number varies from year to year due to money. Some of the scholarships include National Wild Turkey Federation, Dix River Board of Realtors, National Honor Society, and others. To find out about these and other scholarships students can see Mr. Whitaker for information and applications.

5. Visit Possible Colleges: Stu-

dents need to take advantage of visiting colleges. Universities have open days for seniors to come and tour the campus.

"Going to a college without having seen the campus first, big mistake," Whitaker comments. The purpose of visiting is to find out the atmosphere of the campus. Some of the things to look at are the size, the friendliness, and safety.

"If you don't get by those things, then it makes it hard to perform well

in class," Whitaker also says.

Whitaker also said that he will be visiting senior English classrooms to give seniors a time line to go by as they prepare for college. He will also be arranging trips soon to several local colleges.

Finally, Whitaker advises students: "Don't let tuition be a factor in selecting the school, because you still have time to get money."

These sites will provide information on applying to college and give basic tips on getting ahead of the game. They also include links where one can enter all the characteristics they are looking for in a college, and the site will provide schools that match the criteria.

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Most Embarrassing Moments Breaking the Myth of The Rocket Staff

Not all stepmothers rival Cinderella's

BY KYLA FRENCH

I fell in the boy's locker room shower!

"I was cleaning out the hot tub in the boy's locker room, so I went to the showers to get a bucket of water. As I was walking back out of the showers, I slipped and fell. I landed in the bucket, and was soaked! The boys found me drenched in water, and cracked jokes the rest of the day. Worst of all, I had to do prom review the next day, and I had this huge bruise on my arm."

Jessica Riddle-Senior

That first step is a doozy!

"I was holding my boyfriend's hand and my purse as I was getting off the bus. When I was on the first step, I tripped, but that's not the worst of it! My purse strap got hung on the railing, and I fell down every single step before the concrete broke my fall. I had a bruise for weeks."

Jenny Smith-Senior

Hey...you!

"I was walking down the hall and I thought I saw this guy I knew, so I yelled to him. He never answered, so I just kept yelling. When he turned around I realized it wasn't even him."

Serena Cunnigan-Senior

Girls Night Out at the Drive-Thru

"Some of my friends and I were at McDonald's, and we all wanted some ice cream, but we were \$45

Everyone has those times that they'll never forget, their most embarrassing moments. These are usually kept secret...until now. People are telling their stories, and we're here to catch them. You won't believe what's been hidden.

cents short, so we searched the car over to find some change. We still didn't have enough money, so I thought I'd slip under the drive-thru window and look for some quarters. I got some change, but it still wasn't enough. The Ronald McDonald donation box started to look really tempting, but I passed it up. By this time everyone was staring at this poor little girl huddling under the drive thru window."

Paula Rowland-Junior

Falling head-first into high school

"The very first day of high school, all the freshmen gathered in the gym. I had to sit in the center of a section of bleachers. They called us down one by one to assign us to our homerooms. I had just bought a pair of boots the day before, and they weren't quite broken in yet. When they called my name, I was forced to go down the bleachers and weave myself through the crowd. On the very last step, I slipped onto the center of the gym floor, landing flat on my back in front of everyone. Just when I thought some people may have noticed, a couple of teachers yelled at me asking me if I was alright."

Kyla French-Junior

What is today?

"I was running track one day in middle school, when a bunch of my friends told me they'd give me \$600 if I ran all the way through the girl's restroom. Not wanting to pass up the offer, I hid my face with a piece of paper and sprinted through one door and out the other. It was not until I went back to collect my money that I realized it was April Fool's Day."

Bill Burdett-Junior



BY JESSICA DENNY

In Walt Disney's classic *Cinderella* the stereotype of the evil stepmother was brought to the attention of society, and is still thriving today with angry mothers feeling replaced, and angry children feeling that their mothers are forgotten.

There are many people that still ride the Cinderella bandwagon but there are many more people that love and cherish their stepmothers.

Junior Kyla French, 16, has experienced the joy of having a stepmother. When she was six her parents divorced, but she wasn't too upset about it. As she recalls she didn't realize what was going on at that point.

Two years later her father remarried. She has always liked her stepmom, and in fact she brags about the friend she has found in her.

"She's really great to hang out with, and she is still a parental figure. She punishes me when she has to, but on the rare occasion that she does she usually gives advice."

She also brags about the twin brothers Mark and Paul she has to love now.

Junior Jessica Perez speaks to her stepmother everyday over the phone.

Like French, Perez's parents divorced when she was six. She says liking her stepmother has never been a problem, but at one point she was afraid of her. She thought she was going to take her daddy.

"Then she sat me down and told me she cared about me, and she

wasn't going to take my daddy."

Her opinion of the evil stepmother stereotype? "I think it's stupid in my case, but it could apply to some people."

Some students claim it is true in some cases. Fathers have sometimes been persuaded by new wives to avoid relationships with their children.

RCHS junior Latoya Lamb's father left two months before she was born. She came to America from Germany when she was 15 months old. She has never met him but she talked to him over the phone until she was eight. She says her stepmother didn't want her father to have anything to do with her, and on Christmas Day eight years ago he called her for the last time.

"She didn't want him to have anything to do with me. He didn't even call for my sixteenth birthday!"

She had claimed not to know him at times, but she obviously still wanted his love, or at least his call.

In cases such as these the children are angry and agree with the evil stepmother stereotype.

Stepmothers have proven, like many people in the world, to be good and bad, according to the students of multiple families.

The evil step mother stereotype is exactly that: a stereotype. Often society's viewpoints on things have an effect on the way people see different situations. The myth is broken, and stepmothers can come out of the shadows to live in happiness again.

THINK YOUR EMBARRASSING MOMENT IS BETTER THAN OURS?

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BY INDI RUHE AND MARIA HENSLEY

In a modern world driven by name-brands and big deals, everyone is looking to save money and get more for their dollar. During a recent taste test we found out that name brands aren't always the best choice.

When it comes down to the decision of pop to drink we are all guilty of going for the name-brand, not because it tastes better but because it's the popular choice. This brings us to the age-old question: Is there really a difference in generic brands compared to name brands? What we found will shock you!

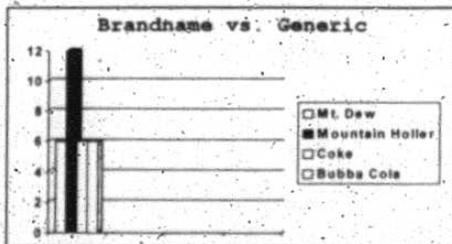
Thirty people tested two different flavors of pop: cola and citrus. For cola, Bubba Cola and Coke were tested. Guess what? They tied! People thought they had equally satisfying tastes.

When it came to the citrus, we experimented with Mountain

Holler and Mt. Dew. Again, guess who won? DING, DING, DING! If you guessed Mountain Holler than you are...correct! Twelve out of eighteen students who took the test between Mountain Holler and Mt. Dew selected Mountain Holler. Who would have guessed?

So, now you're probably thinking that's impossible. WRONG! Maybe it is just the fact that everyone's used to hearing that the more it costs, the better it will taste. It could even be that one brand has a catchier slogan of advertisement, but whatever it is, the majority of us are wasting huge opportunities on saving money just to get the name brand.

For all you consumers that thought you knew, what you actually liked, maybe you should reconsider and try a different brand of pop next time.



Coming October 31...
Looking for chills and thrills? Make certain to read about seven movies sure to make your Halloween scary.

Cold Creek Manor drifts up creek

BY KYLA FRENCH

Attention! Reading this article will save your time and sanity!

Over the weekend, I made my daily migration to the movie theater with hopes of seeing a "thrilling drama" in *Cold Creek Manor*. However, after sitting through what seemed like an eternity of mindless dialogue and predictable plot, I can only come to one conclusion: I should have drowned myself in a creek before I went to see this movie.

The movie begins as Cooper Tilson (Dennis Quaid) and his wife Leah (Sharon Stone) let their children roam the busy streets of New York without a watchful eye. They then act surprised when their son is almost hit by car. This incident prompts the family to move to a "safer place" outside of the city. They think they'll find peace in Cold Creek Manor, a former grand estate. However, all they find is the mysterious previous owner of the house and the perfect crime. (Insert eerie music here.)

If you're like me, when you watched the previews for this movie, you assumed the house was haunted. After all, the preview only had one moment of dialogue saying that a "house is a shell until you move into it and then it changes." It then proceeded to show those changes (sheets moving by themselves, a hand appearing out of nowhere, ect.).

Don't be fooled! This movie



Sharon Stone's lady-in-distress role isn't the comeback she was hoping for. (photo from movies.com)

has nothing to do with a haunted house!

Apparently the manor's first owner, Dale Massie (Stephen Dorff, *Blade*) had the home taken from him by the bank. He was then sent to prison, where he stood idly by while his house was sold from underneath him.

He returns once the Tilsons move in to "help around the house". What the Tilsons don't know is that he wants his house back, and is willing to do anything for it.

While Massie is working for him, Cooper discovers some startling evidence. He first finds a box of old family photos that had been left in the house that appear to be of Massie and his family, including his retainer wearing daughter. Although it is invisible to the na-

ked eye, somehow Cooper merely looks down one day and sees, buried under gravel, the broken pieces of a purple retainer. (Insert startled gasp here.)

Eventually, Cooper faces off with Massie, sending him spiraling down the center of the manor through a stained glass window that you knew someone would fall through the minute it was shown in the beginning of the movie.

Cold Creek Manor should have been Sharon Stone's "comeback" role. However after the typical female-in-distress role she played here, I would say it's her "don't call us, we'll call you" role.

The acting is atrocious, the plot is non-existent. You couldn't expect less out of a movie. *Cold Creek Manor* has been left "up the creek without a paddle."

HOROSCOPES



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Scorpio (10/23-11/22) You and your significant other have been so busy you've put each other on the backburner. Take some time and catch up.



Sagittarius (11/23-12/21) Just because you are loyal doesn't mean you should let your friends pressure you. Your mind and will are your own, use them.



Capricorn (12/22-1/20) Those around you are for more than just propelling you. Maybe it is time to show your appreciation for their contributions.



Aquarius (1/21-2/19) Your family just doesn't understand, right? Perhaps it is time to at least consider what they have to say—it could surprise you.



Pisces (2/20-3/20) Take a deep breath and relax. Don't worry so much about your relationships, people care for you more than you realize.



Aries (3/21-4/20) Consider sharing the spotlight, and thinking before doing. If you give credit where it's due, others will be understanding.



Taurus (4/21-5/21) Getting into a new relationship is hard, but don't let the changes frighten you away from a potentially great relationship.



Gemini (5/22-6/20) You're always the one your friends come to when they need advice, but don't forget yourself. You have a life of your own and you should enjoy it.



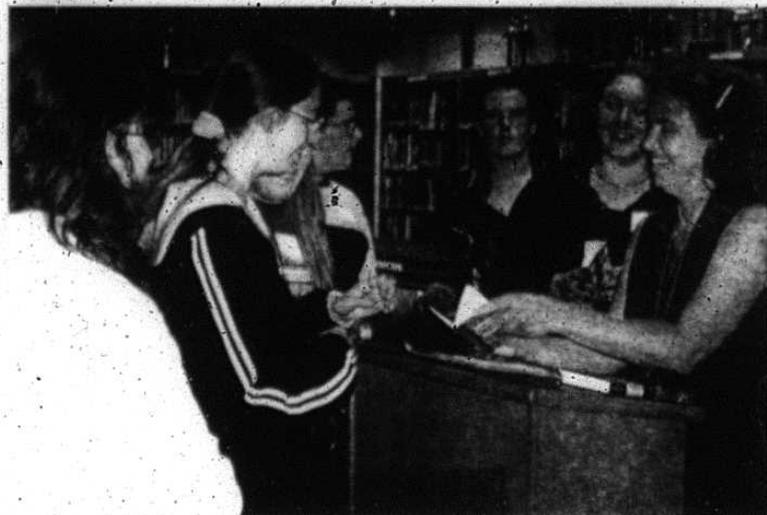
Cancer (6/21-7/23) It's been 9 weeks already, it's time to shake things up a bit. Do something spontaneous and for yourself. You may find you like a little spice.



Leo (7/24-8/23) Your significant other is beginning to feel smothered, so give them some space and they will be happier.



Virgo (8/24-9/22) You should consider being more understanding to the people around you. If you tone down criticism and are empathetic, then people will listen more.



Donna Jo Napoli speaks with RCHS students after reading an excerpt from her upcoming novel *Breath*, which will be released next month. Napoli's visit, attended by members of the book club, as well as several English classes, was sponsored by EKU.

Award-winning author visits RCHS

By MARIA HENSLEY

What do an award-winning author and a mother of five have in common? These are both items that you would find in the biography of Donna Jo Napoli, who visited RCHS on September 26.

"I received a phone call [from Eastern Kentucky University] offering this, and it was an offer that I could not refuse," said Mrs. Janet Wells, RCHS librarian.

The program was held during fourth block from 2-3p.m. EKU funded the \$2,000 cost for her appearance, as well as her transportation. The Book Club, fourth block

English IV, AP English IV, and Honors English III were permitted to attend the function. Napoli made a few opening comments, read a passage from her newest book, and held a Q&A session with the students.

Her writing style is "sort of fantasy and she also takes fairy tales and modernizes them," Mrs. Wells said. "For instance, her book *Zel* is a modern version of *Rapunzel*."

Besides *Zel*, Napoli has written other prized books such as *Sirena*, in which a mermaid is granted immortality when she rescues her new

love and faces conflict when he has to fight in the Trojan War. She also wrote *Beast*, a book that tells the point of the Beast from *Beauty and the Beast* and is set in Persia.

"I've had lots of requests for her books," said Mrs. Wells.

When it comes to Napoli's writing style, she has a widespread range of readers that involve everyone from picture-book beginners to novel-reading young adults.

To find out more information on Mrs. Napoli and her publications, visit her personal website at <http://www.donnajonapoli.com>

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reasons I was hit. The girl in the other car could not see me. Slanted spaces would also help us to be able to clearly see. The way the lot is arranged now, you may as well back out of your spot wearing a blindfold.

My weekend will be spent buffing scratches out of my car, and attempting to have the side repainted. I am not blaming the girl who hit me, I am blaming the layout of the parking lot. There was nothing she or I could do, but at least now we know something does need to be done.

LITERARY MAGAZINE: continued from page 8

A Service Learning Grant will fund the literary magazine, but both teachers hope that it will be self-supported through sales when it is distributed in May.

Ms. Mattingly got the idea last February when she attended the Kentucky Council for Teachers of English Conference and was introduced to the concept of a literary magazine by looking at literary magazines from schools across the state.

"By looking at their examples, I realized that the RCHS students are capable, if not more capable, of producing our own literary magazine," she said.

When selecting pieces for the literary magazine, Ms. Mattingly and Mr. Scalf are hoping to find a variety of writings, such as poetry, narratives, short stories, as well as visual art that includes sculpture, painting, drawing.

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easier to gain access to the counselors.

"The change has been very positive for both the students and the staff," said Principal John Hale.

Even though the change does seem to be completely positive some students feel more uneasy about going to Youth Services now, due mostly to its new location.

"I'd go to the counselor's office now before Youth Services because of the location. It doesn't feel as confidential as it used to," said Denney.

Youth Service Coordinator Jill Ponder says the center is supposed to be a "welcoming, inviting, and confidential place where students can find what they need. I hope we can do that from any location."

NEW TEACHERS: continued from page 5

"I have wanted to work here since they started the program in '95. I only hope that we (JROTC program) can make a difference and that kids can enjoy this class. I want to help them do things they wouldn't normally do. People have a certain opinion of JROTC, but it is definitely not what it seems."

Students of the JROTC program are also glad to see Sergeant Graves arrive.

"Sergeant Graves is already very active; he is always doing things for the program. We are also really glad he is here to take some of the load off of Sergeant Major Taylor," said senior Justin Richards.

ANIMAL CRUELTY: continued from page 3

criminals, 30% of convicted child molesters, and 36% of those who assaulted women. (www.hsus.org) With signs like this, why aren't more cases being investigated? Why are these people only getting probation? It has also been found that most offenders are white male teens.

I don't understand how someone can get enjoyment out of the killing of an animal, especially someone my age. I would never do anything like that. It seems to be a rite of passage to injure another living thing, but all you're proving is that you're insensitive, uncaring, ignorant person. You aren't proving that you're smarter or more mature than you were before you committed this act. If anything, you are proving the opposite. You are far less of an adult than you were.

Anyone who commits a crime against a defenseless animal deserves just punishment. These people are truly only animals themselves.

RCHS student Zac Pensol designs county website

By AUDREY BURKE

While most students were sleeping in, watching TV, and laying out by the pool, junior Zac Pensol was building a web site for the county.

"Jenny Sweet, who's in charge of telecommunications, approached me about it because she heard I was good with computer graphics," Pensol said.

Pensol, who has also done work for the website Comics2Film.com, worked with Brandon Reynolds from the tech center at the court house, developed the page for Rockcastle County Board of Development Director Jerry Renner.

"Not having a web site leaves you at a disadvantage in tourism and business," Renner explains.

Renner expects the site to benefit the community by attracting industry, since one of the first

places businesses go to find new locations is the Internet.

"It's an open page that links to others—like a directory," is how Pensol describes the site. In addition to a link on the history of Rockcastle County, browsers will also be able to link with sites for county schools, health facilities, and industrial information.

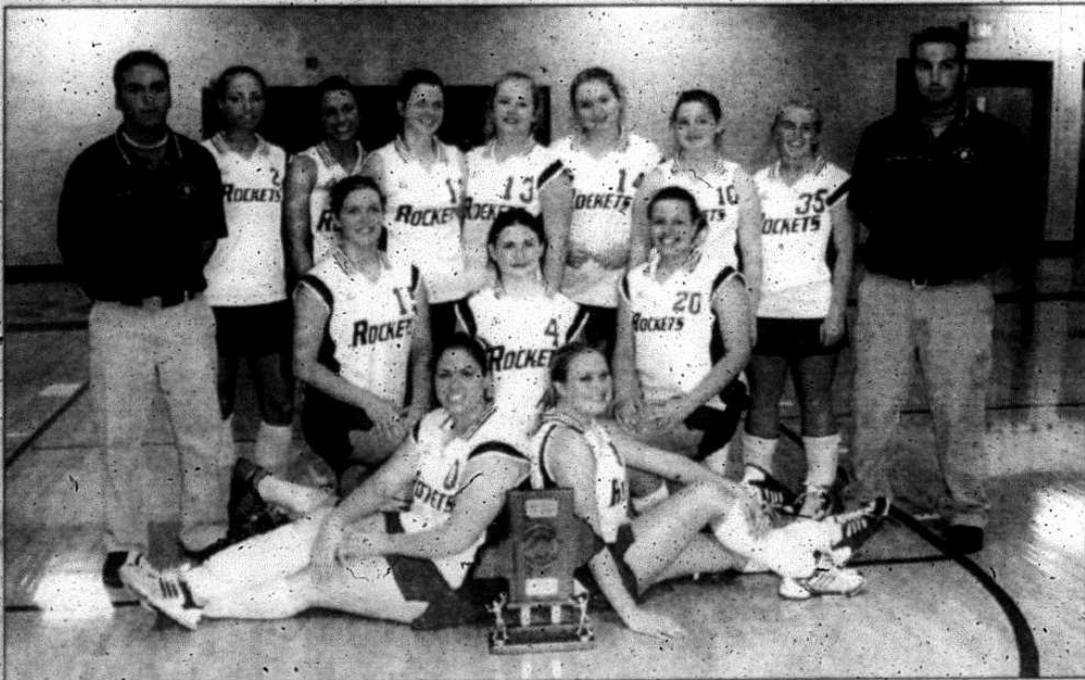
Pensol said one of the hardest things was when his computer crashed and he had to redo everything. Some other aspects of the design he said were difficult were building it and the web design of it. There was a bright side, however.

The most fulfilling aspect of making the web site has been, "Knowing I'm helping the county, making it look better."

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The Rockcastle Lady Rockets volleyball team recently made history. They won their first district championship and, followed that up with their first regional championship. Shown with their regional championship tournament are: front row, from left: Jessica Riddle and Stephanie Price. Second row: Rachel Childress, Jenna Owens and Allie Mink. Back row: Head Coach Larry Lee, Amanda Rogers, Allison Anderkin, Sarah Mullins, Jeni Durham, Tricia Beth Laswell, Krystal Parsons, Kayla Bryant and Asst. Coach Bill Yarnall. Not pictured is Megan Anderkin.

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RCHS volleyball team has season of "firsts" and 26 wins

The Rockcastle Lady Rockets began their history 2003 season with a win over Southwestern Pulaski and, before the season was over, would rack up a total of 26 wins against 14 losses. It was a record win season for the Rockets and culminated with the first ever district championship in the sport for RCCHS and the first regional championship.

The Rockets began the season with 11 seniors on the varsity squad -- all members of the original class, taught by Kathy Short. Ms. Short also served as the team's first coach.

That year was a learning experience with the team's first win coming over Southwestern Pulaski. They improved throughout the season and wound up runners-up of the district which earned them a trip to the re-

gional tournament.

Last year, the Rockets were coached by Doug Mullins and there were several highlights during the 17-7 season, including a runners-up finish in the Pulaski Co. tournament. The Rockets were beat out in district play that year by Clay County.

The second year was also the last year of the sport for seniors Brianna Bussell and Jessie Hayes, two of the original class members.

In their third year, the Lady Rockets got another new coach, Larry Lee, a special education teacher at Mt. Vernon Elementary School. Coach Lee is assisted by Bill Yarnall, a student at EKV who is also a line-judge for the EKV Lady Colonel volleyball team.

This was the first year that the volleyball team was aligned with the school's

basketball district and regional, a good move for the Rockets since it took them out of the same district as perennial powers South Laurel and Pulaski County.

Under Lee's guidance, the girls racked up 26 wins against 14 losses, including winning the invitational tournament at Pulaski County and the runners-up trophy at Madison Central. Those wins also included two regular season wins over arch-rival Clay County, also in their third year of team competition.

The Rockets would later go on to defeat Clay in the finals of both the district and regional to earn their first trip to the state tournament and, guess what, a first-round drawing that pairs them against Sacred Heart, a private girls' Catholic School in the Louisville area

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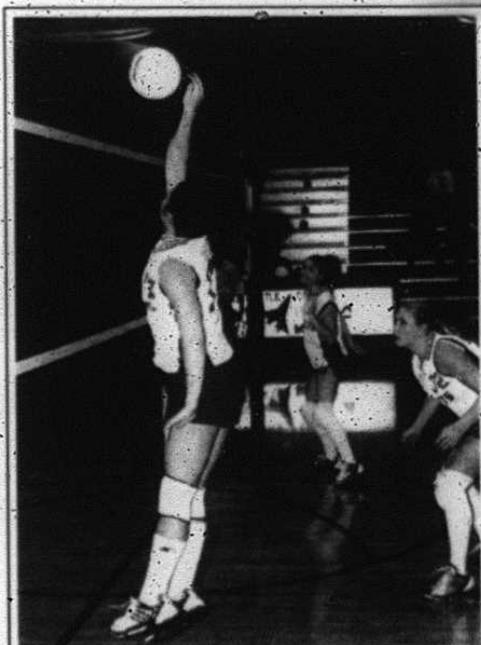
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Sarah Mullins goes high for a spike against Everts in the semi-finals of the 13th Regional Tournament. The Rockets beat Everts 25-8 and 25-9 to advance to the finals against Clay County who they beat for the fifth time this season to claim the championship.

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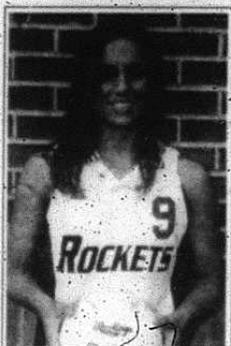
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Seventh grader Jordan Cash finished first in regional competition and the Rockets advanced to the state tournament as the regional runner-up. Cash finished first out of 120 golfers in the region.

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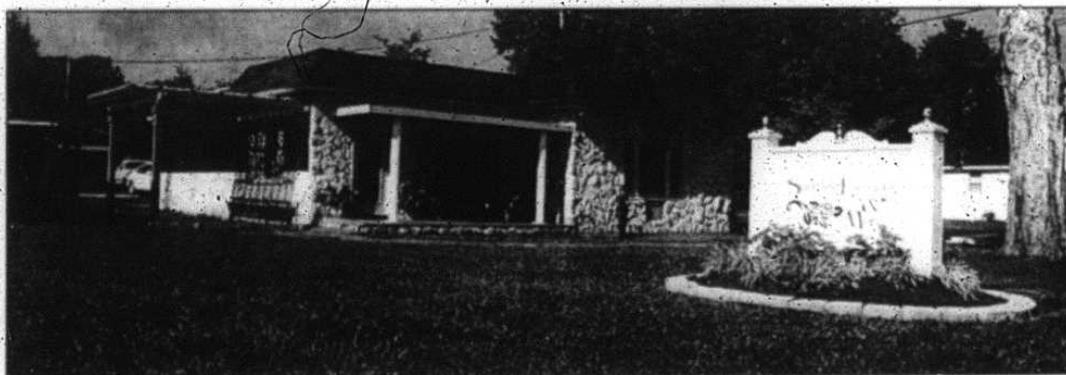
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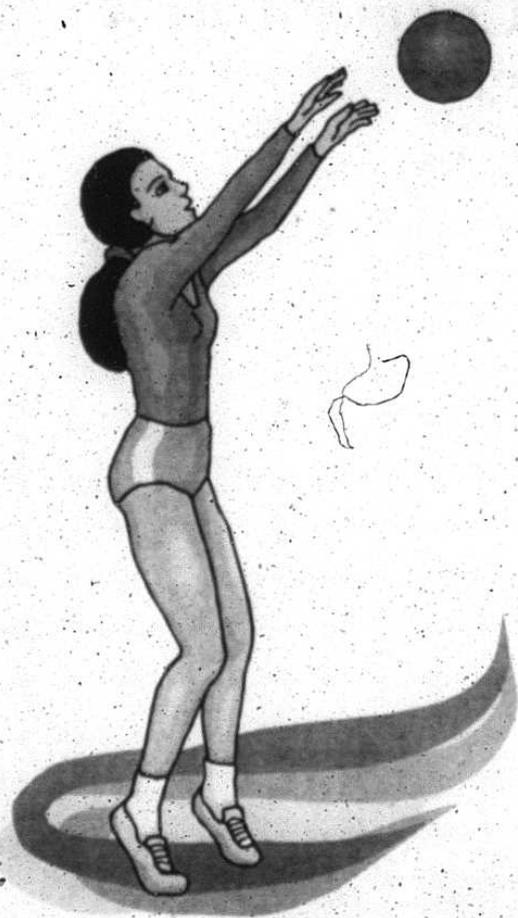
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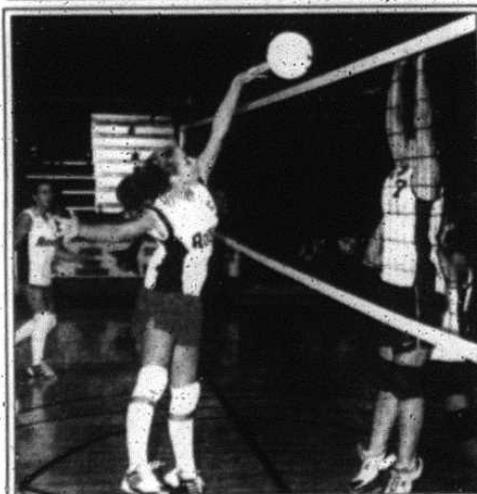
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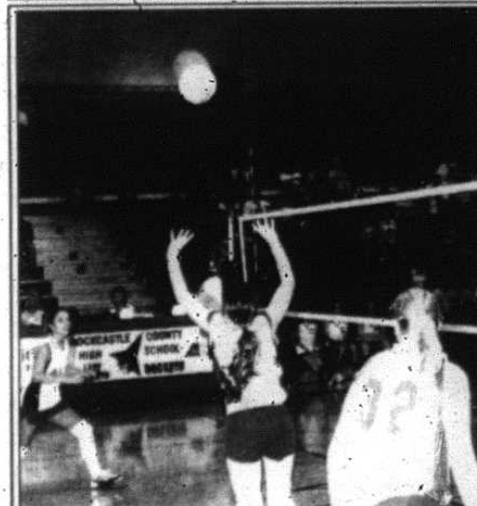
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Senior Kristal Parsons serves up the ball during a recent game. Kristal was one of 11 seniors honored during their last home game of the season. Academically, this is also one of the best sports teams at the school, averaging a 3.25 GPA.



Amanda Rogers goes for a tip in action by the Lady Rockets volleyball team against Lynn Camp.



Senior Jenna Owens sets the ball to Allison Anderkin. Also in the photo is Stephanie Price, No. 32. Following this win over Clay County, the Rockets were 18-13 on the season. They were runners-up in the Madison Central Lady Indians Tournament held in Richmond.

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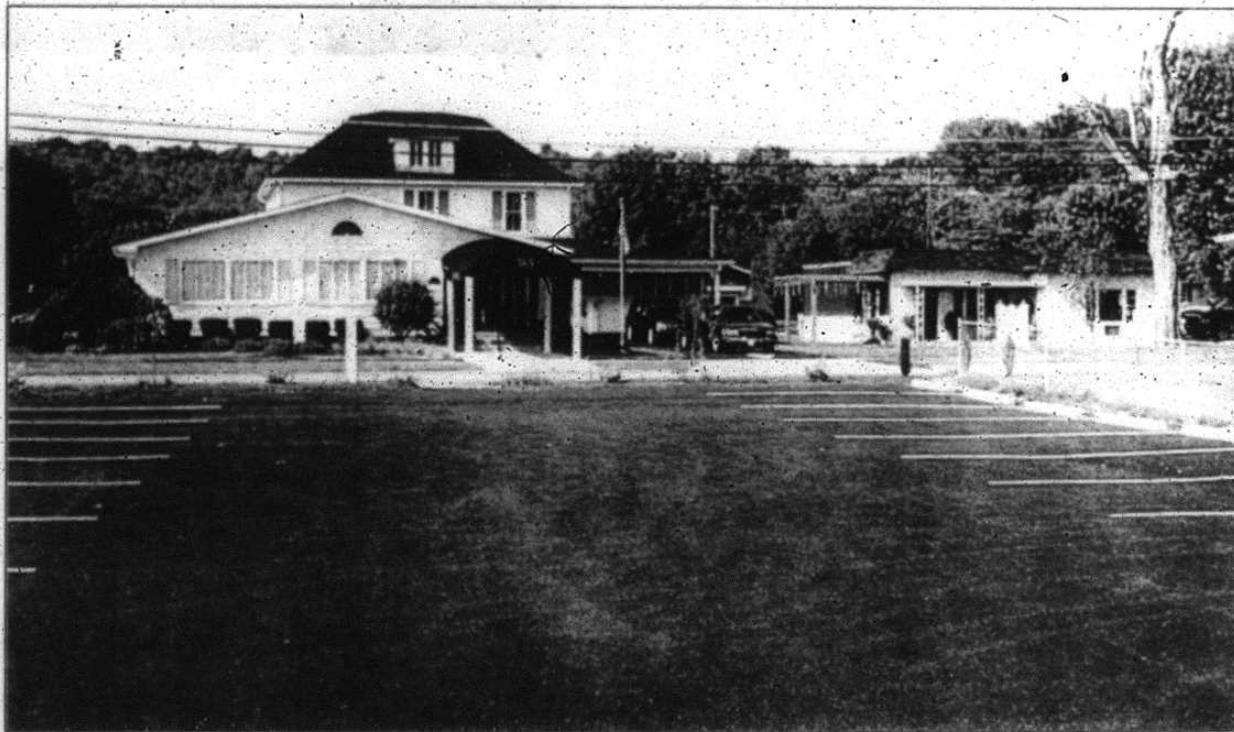
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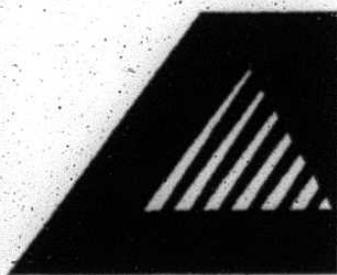
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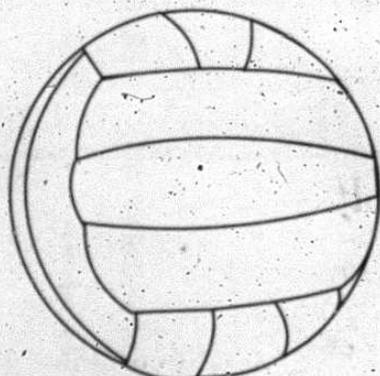


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which is reportedly ranked fourth nationally.

After their regional championship win, Coach Lee said, "I am so proud of the girls. They have worked hard and earned their trip to the state tournament."

After the Southwestern Pulaski win to begin the season, the Lady Rockets traveled to Woodford County to play in their 18th annual invitational tournament. The team won their first match of the tourney against Bryan Station, beating the Lexington School 20-15 and 15-10, losing the middle game 14-21.

After that, it was pretty much down hill for the Rockets, losing to Bellevue and Shelby County. However, because of the number of points they scored in their matches, the Rockets got to advance to the seeded part of the tournament. There they were paired against the number one seed, Calvary

Christian from northern Kentucky. The Rockets actually acquitted themselves well in the match in a losing effort, 25-14 and 25-18.

The next match, a home game against North Laurel, was the first of four the Rockets would lose to the Laurel County teams during the season. In their home game with South Laurel, the Rockets had them on the ropes during the match but couldn't deliver the knock-out punch. South Laurel wound up 12th region champions, defeating Pulaski Co. in the championship game.

After the tourney, it was back to regular season play with the Rockets hosting district foe Oneida Baptist Institute. The Rockets took care of business with the Lady Mountaineers, winning the match by identical scores of 25-16.

The team then traveled to Somerset for the Pulaski Co. Tournament and this was

where fans really got flashes of the best and worst of their team.

The Rockets won six matches, losing only to Carroll County in probably their most inept outing of the season.

McCreary Central, who was on the Rockets schedule for two regular season games but who forfeited both matches, was the first victim, losing 25-21 and 25-12 to the Rockets on Friday night. Then on Saturday, the Rockets met Adair County and won 27-25 and 25-16.

With these two wins, the Rockets won their pool but had one more game to play in the prelims -- against Carroll County and losing two out of three.

However, with the number one seed in the tournament, the Rockets got to meet Clinton County in the first round and won easily, 25-5 and 25-8.

Against their next opponent, Whitley County, it looked as though the rockets might make an early exit, losing 25-19 in the first game and tied at 19 all in the second before Krystal Parsons came through with four straight service winners to make it 24-19 and the final point of the game came on an out-of-bounds serve by Whitley. The Rockets took

the final game of the match 15-8.

In the semi-finals, the Rockets had to face a hot Wayne county team and it was a close match throughout with the Rockets prevailing 25-23 and 25-20.

The championship game featured the Rockets against Russell County. The first game was tied at 15 all before the Rockets took over the 25-18 win. The second game was even closer, the Rockets had played three

straight matches, two hotly-contested, and fatigue set in toward the end of their second game. After leading 21-15, the Rockets allowed Russell County to tie the score at 23 all before the Rockets scored on an out-of-bounds serve by Russell and finished the game on a winning serve by Rachel Childress.

But, things got all better with a district win over Clay County, 25-17 and 25-21.

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Lady Rockets Volleyball Team Regional Champs



The Rockcastle Lady Rockets volleyball team recently made history. They won their first district championship and, followed that up with their first regional championship. Shown with their regional championship tournament are, front row, from left: Jessica Riddle and Stephanie Price. Second row: Rachel Childress, Jenna Owens and Allie Mink. Back row: Head Coach Larry Lee, Amanda Rogers, Allison Anderkin, Sarah Mullins, Jeni Durham, Tricia Beth Laswell, Krystal Parsons, Kayla Bryant and Asst. Coach Bill Yarnall. Not pictured is Megan Anderkin.

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The Rockets then traveled to Lynn Camp and came away with wins of 25-18 and 25-16.

After taking their second win of the season from the Lady Warriors of Southwestern Pulaski, the Rockets lost to Lincoln County in three games, 22-25, 25-19 and 15-11.

The Rockets then beat Oneida for the second time this season, but lost to Casey County, 25-15, 21-25 and 11-15.

Against Pulaski County, the Rockets acquitted themselves very well -- not winning, but losing with class.

The Rockets won only five points on their serve in the first match and lost 13-25. However, in the second match, they had calmed down considerably and made the Lady Maroons work hard for the 30-28 win.

After their second match and second loss to South Laurel, the Lady Rockets then played in the Madison Central Lady Indians tournament and it was a hard day's work with their day beginning at 7:45 a.m. when the bus left the high school and ending about midnight when the rockets finally returned home with a runners-up trophy.

In between, the Rockets beat Estill County 21-14 and 21-9, lost to Madison Central and Harrison County and then beat Somerset before advancing to the single-elimination tournament with a third place seed.

The first game was a rematch with Estill County and they Rockets again prevailed, 25-4 and 25-8. The second game was a rematch against Madison Central and gave the rockets a chance for revenge against their tourney host. They came through, besting the Lady Indians 25-19 and 25-15.

With those two wins, the

Rockets were in the championship game against Harrison County, who had handily defeated the Rockets in their first meeting.

The Rockets came out strong behind good serving to take the first game 25-18. The Rockets got down 7-0 in the second game but Anderkin put her team ahead 8-0 with seven service winners. However, the Rockets couldn't hold serve the rest of the game wound up losing 25-23, putting the match into a tie breaking third game. The Rockets fell behind 0-6 and wound up losing 8-15.

Then came another rematch with the Lady Tigers. It was senior night for the Rockets and there was a big crowd. The Rockets were obviously emotional and nervous and had a hard time getting their game together for the 26-24 and 25-22 match win.

In the first game, the Rockets were down 22-15 before Amanda Rogers won the first service point for her team with an ace serve. But, things still looked bleak for the home team, down 24-19 when Stephanie Price stepped to the fore and served the last seven points of the game, including three aces, for the 26-24 win.

Price again came to the rescue in the second game when, with the score tied at 18 all, she served five straight winners, with one ace to put her team up 23-18. A Childress kill and a net serve by Clay gave the Rockets the second game 25-22.

The Rockets next lost to North Laurel for the second time this season, 25-12 and 25-17.

However, the Rockets finished their regular season with wins over Madison Central and Boyle County before beginning 46th district tournament play.

District play was held this year at Clay County and, with only three teams, a

double-elimination tournament was set up.

The Rockets had to defeat OBI for the third time this season in the first game and did, 25-13 and 25-7.

The Rockets then had to meet Clay County for the third time this season and promptly lost the first game 20-25. However, they came back in the second game to win 25-19 and won a thriller in the third, 17-15.

Clay then had to play OBI to get into the championship match against the Rockets the next night.

As expected, they did and it set up the fourth meeting of the year between the two teams. It was a close match and the score was tied at 17 all in the first game when Rogers and Jenna Owens put together good service games for the 25-18 win.

In the second game, the Rockets got down 6-1 and couldn't catch up. Clay put together an excellent service game for the 20-25 win.

It looked bad for the Rockets in the third game after getting down 9-5 and they were down 13-10 when Allison Anderkin came through with five straight serves, including two aces, two kills by Childress and one by Jessica Riddle to give the Rockets the 15-13 win and the district title.

Named to the All-District Team were Riddle, Childress and Owens and Anderkin took MVP honors.

It was on to regional action with the Rockets slated to meet Whitley County in the first round.

The Rockets lost the first game against the Lady Colonels 21-15 but came back to win the next two, 25-17 and 15-2.

The next night, the Rockets had to play Everts, who got a first-round bye, and easily dispatched them 25-8 and 25-9. Owens came through in the first game

with 17 straight serves, including three aces.

The Rockets then advanced to 13th regional finals against, guess who, Clay County, in their fifth meeting of the year.

It's hard to beat a team five times in one year but that's exactly what the Lady Rockets did. After losing the first match 16-25, the Rockets came back to take the second game 26-24 and the third game 15-8.

With that win, the Rockets claimed the first-ever 13th region girls volleyball title. Up to this year, there had only been eight regions

in the state in volleyball and the winner and runner-up of each region would advance to state play, but that number was expanded to 16 this year with only the winner advancing.

Named to the All-Region team from Rockcastle were: Jessie Riddle, Rachel Childress, Jenna Owens and Allison Anderkin was named MVP of the tournament.

The Rockets will play the opening match of the state tournament Friday at 6 p.m. at the Farnham-Dudgeon Civic Center in Frankfort.

Golf Team finishes second in regional, advances to state

This year's Rockcastle County High School golf team finished second in the regional tournament six shots behind Clay County but ahead of 22 other teams.

The Rockets advanced to the state tournament, for the second time in school history.

In 1997 the Rockets also advanced to the state tournament.

In regular season play this year, the Rockets won 13 of 16 matches and they did well in the six invitational tournaments they played in, winning their own in August and finishing fourth in the Allen County Invitational.

The Rockets only losses were to Corbin at Corbin, by one shot, to South Laurel and Clay County.

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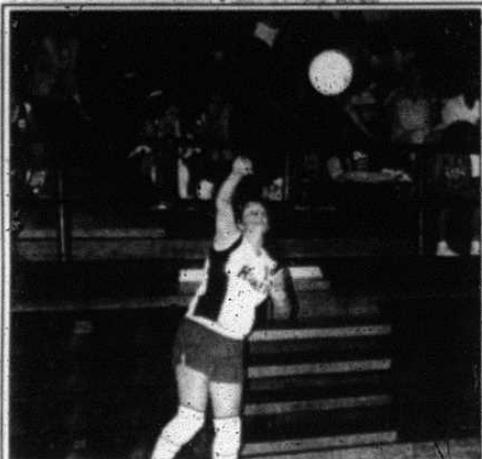
Clay and South Laurel on the road as well.

In the state tournament the Rockets finished 21st out of 24 teams, but sophomore Colby Brown made the cut as an individual player, shooting an 80-81.

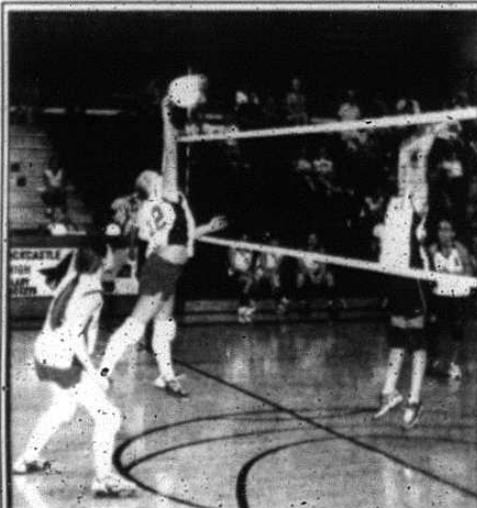
In the regional tournament, seventh grader Jordon Cash finished first, out of 120 golfers.

"I appreciate the hard work of our golf team this year and with the young players we have coming back we should have a very good team again next year," said head golf coach Jesse Mahaffey.

Members of the year's team were Brent Clontz, Jordon Cash, Matt Silcox, Allison Durham, Aaron Cash, Ronny Lee McClure, Blake Roberts, Colby Brown and Nick Williams.



Senior Rachel Childress serves the ball in the Bryan Station match at Woodford County. Besides Bryan Station, the Rockets met Bellevue, Shelby Co, and Calvary Christian in the tourney.



Senior Stephanie Price goes for a kill against North Laurel. The varsity lost the match, taking only the middle game.



Senior Jenna Owens serves the ball against the North Laurel Lady Jaguars. The varsity lost the match, losing two of the three games for their first regular season loss.



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RCHS Golf Team finishes season as regional runners-up



For the second time in school history, the RCCHS Golf Team participated in the State Golf Tournament. Members of the team participating in the tourney are pictured above, from left: coach Ken Hopkins, Ronny Lee McClure, Matthew Silcox, Colby Brown, Jordan Cash, Aaron Cash and coach Jesse Mahaffey. Jordan Cash was the Regional Champion in individual play and Colby Brown was the lone Rocket qualified for second day competition in the state tournament.



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