

NWTF Banquet set for March 10th

Mark your calendars for March 10, 2000, to attend the fund raiser to end all fund raisers. The Wildcat Mountain Long Beards Chapter of the National Wild Turkey Federation is hosting its second Fund Raising and Membership Dinner at the Rockcastle County Middle School at Mt. Vernon. The doors will open at 6:00 p.m. so you can enjoy social hour before you sit down for a delicious meal at 7:30 p.m.

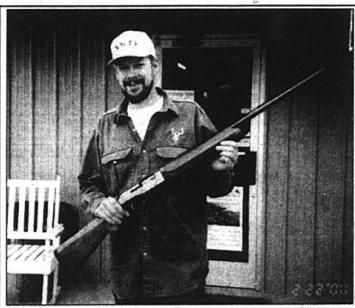
After dinner, you could be the one out of every 300 ticket holders that wins a gun or other prizes valued at \$10 to \$500 worth at the annual Wild Turkey Fund Raising Party. You could go home with sporting art, guns, knives, calls, outdoor equipment and much more. Some of the prints and guns will be displayed at several local businesses including Mahaffey's Sporting Goods, Citizens Bank, Bank of Mt. Vernon, and Hensley's Used Cars.

Along with the banquet and giving

away auction items there will be an auction. Auction items include guns, prints and much more. All profits go for the management of the wild turkey and to make sure that the turkeys will be there for each of us to enjoy.

Your ticket to fun at the Second Annual Wildcat Mountain Long Beards National Wild Turkey Membership Dinner is \$35.00 for an individual, \$45.00 per couple, \$15.00 for Jakes. Join your friends and reserve your tickets today by calling some of these local members: Mike McGuire at 256-5184; Larry Hensley at 256-9481; Joan Garrison at 758-8030; Jerry Martin at 453-9906 or Tony Mahaffey at 256-4805. Help the National Turkey Federation accomplish its mission to conserve the wild turkey and preserve the turkey hunting tradition. Please purchase your tickets in advance early for proper accommodations to be made.

See you Friday, March 10 at the Rockcastle County Middle School.



Charles Bunch of Mt. Vernon was last year's winner of the "Beretta" 12 gauge automatic given away at the NWTF Banquet. This year's Gun of the Year will be an Ithaca model 37 12 gauge pump. The 2000 Jakes Gun of the Year is a Mossberg 500, 20 - gauge Wood Model.

Outdoors in Rockcastle

By Mike Carpenter

Before I get into this weeks story, I would like to clarify a mistake in last weeks story about Walleye fishing. It had stated that it wasn't common to hear of 10 to 12 pound Walleye being caught this time of year. What I should have said was that it is common to catch a Walleye of that size this time of year. I apologize for the error. So on with this week's topic.

I think that every Bass fisherman dreams of catching a trophy Largemouth Bass. You know what I am talking about, one of those 7.8 and 10 pounders that the pros catch every Saturday morning on television. If you have dreamed of catching one of these trophy fish there is no better time than the months of March and April. As the days get a little warmer,

pre-spawn Bass will move into shallow water because the water temperature is beginning to rise. Even though you might not catch a lot of fish during this time of year the one you do catch might be that trophy Largemouth that you have always dreamed of. There is no doubt there are more big Bass caught during the pre-season and spawn times of March and April than any other time of year. Here are a few tips that might help. The pre-season Bass are not very aggressive right now so as you fish with artificial lures remember to slow down your presentation. Also, remember small lakes and ponds will heat up faster than larger reservoirs. Don't think you have to fish Lake

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Girls track runners-up

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dous efforts, the girls defeated many perennial state powers including Western Hills and Paducah Tilghman. The team's achievement was very impressive, despite having only five high school and three middle school participants. The girls also did not participate in four events, however, they remained in contention for the state title throughout the meet and narrowly missed winning the state championship.

Junior Cheyenne Carmack won her first state championship in the 400-meter dash with a very impressive performance. The favorite coming into the meet, Cheyenne easily defeated the 1998 state champion from Fleming Co. by nearly a second and displayed the form that gained her all-state honors this past outdoor season. Her awesome time of 1:02.28 on the short 200-meter track was the fastest winning time in the last three years and broke her own Madison-Dixon record for an RCHS athlete. Cheyenne narrowly missed her second state championship of the meet in the 55-meter dash. She finished as the state runner-up in the event with a new RCHS record of 17.8 seconds, eclipsing the mark she established at last year's meet. Individually, Cheyenne scored an amazing twenty points for the team.

Sophomore Clarissa Hubbard won her first state championship in the shot put competition in exciting fashion. She was favored to win the event and threw an impressive 34' 11.5" on her way to the state title. Clarissa defeated last year's indoor state champion from Bowling Green by three-fourths of an inch on her last throw. This was the second week in a row Clarissa had defeated the former champion.

Junior Tara Abney turned in an awesome performance in the 55-meter hurdles. She easily won her heat and set a new RCHS record in the process. She placed fourth overall and was very close to winning the state championship. Tara finished with an unbelievable time of 9.63, nearly seven-tenths of a second better than her time from last year's meet. She was only two-tenths of a second away from defeating the defending state champion from Fleming Co.

Junior Mindy Bullock battled a knee injury the entire meet, but still played an important role in the team's finish. Mindy placed sixth in high jump with a leap of 4'6". If Mindy had been healthy, she could have easily equaled the winning height of 4'10". In the long jump competition, Mindy finished seventh overall with an attempt of 13'6.5". Mindy would also have been able to challenge for the title in this event had she been healthy and able to practice more. In the triple jump competition, Mindy also performed well and placed eighth overall with a leap over 28'.

Junior Theresa Chisum competed

for the 800-meter dash state championship for the first time ever. She performed very well and finished 13th overall in an excellent race. Her time of 3:09.5 was a personal best.

The 800-meter relay team of Tara Abney, seventh grader Casey Taylor, seventh grader Heather Hammond and eighth grader Sheena Swinney ran an exceptional race and performed flawlessly. The girls finished an impressive sixth overall with a time of 2:00.25.

The 1600-meter relay team of Cheyenne Carmack, Tara Abney, Theresa Chisum and Sheena Swinney ran an unbelievable race and finished as state runner-up in the event, nearly winning the state championship. They finished a close second to Fleming Co. and established a new RCHS indoor record time of 4:35.38 with their flawless effort.

The RCHS boys' team fared well, despite having only two high school team members present.

Senior Stewart Abney ran well in the distance events for Rockcastle. In the 800-meter run, Stewart ran a hard-fought race and finished 18th overall with a time of 2:39.11. In the 1500-meter run, Stewart also ran very well and finished strong in 24th place with a time of 5:20.28. Stewart is still battling back from an illness that forced him to miss this past cross-country season. He ran exceptionally well, despite the fact that he had not fully recovered.

Eighth grader Steven Shackelford competed in the long jump competition and performed well. Steven placed 18th overall with a solid effort of 13'7.5". Steven also did very well in the high jump competition and placed 15th overall with an attempt of 5'.

Junior Stephen Hopkins ran well in the 400-meter dash, finishing with a season's best performance, while eighth grader Andrew Nelson also

ran an outstanding 3000-meter race against some very tough competitors. Final results of some of the boys' races were not available at press time.

With the completion of a very successful indoor season, the RCHS track and field teams will soon begin outdoor practice. Both boys' and girls' teams will continue to improve as they prepare for the outdoor season and the state championships in June.

Middle School wins

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8.09. Both girls also ran exceptional 200-meter races. Johnna placed tenth overall with a personal record time of 30.36. Casey finished 17th with a career best effort of 31.08.

Alison also competed in the 200-meter dash for the first time. She finished 19th overall, out of 53 runners, with a fast time of 31.36.

Sixth grader Jessica Asher competed in the 400-meter dash. She ran a very strong race and finished 23rd overall with a time of 1:23.58.

Seventh grader Kelli Doan competed in shot put and threw very well. She placed 18th overall with her best effort of 17'10.5".

Seventh grader Cherie Embes reached an indoor personal best in the long jump competition with an effort of 11'6". Her performance placed her 10th overall in the event. In the 800-meter relay, Cherie Embes, Jessica Asher, eighth grader Amanda Rogers and sixth grader Kayla Hayes ran an exceptional race, but were disqualified when they stepped out of an exchange zone.

The boys' team had several outstanding performances, despite being a little short-handed for the competition. Although the team did not score, many members gained valuable experience in their first ever track and field competition.

Eighth grader Steven Shackelford had a great meet for the boys. Steven performed very well in the long jump competition and captured 13th place with a personal best effort of 13'10". Steven also ran a great 200-meter dash, finished 27th overall with a career best time of 29.62.

Seventh grader Matthew Whitaker had one of the best finishes of the day for the boys' team. Matthew placed 20th in the 400-meter dash with a great race and a personal best time of 1:09.42. He also ran well in the 800 and finished 32nd in 2:46.28.

If the shot put competition, sixth grader Matthew Bray threw very well and finished 26th overall with a personal record throw of 23'. Matthew also ran an exceptional 55-meter dash in his first ever attempt at the event.

Seventh grader Brandon Cole ran very well in the 200-meter dash. He placed 40th overall with a personal best time of 1:19.98. Brandon also competed in the 800-meter run finishing 39th with an exceptional effort of 2:48.83.

Eighth grader Andrew Nelson ran an outstanding 400-meter dash, placing 31st overall with a personal best time of 1:13.89. Bill also had an outstanding race in the 800, placing 46th overall with a time of 2:51.30.

Seventh grader Tim Rowland performed well in his first ever competition. Tim placed 52nd in the 400-meter dash with a time of 1:44.16. He also ran well in the 200 with an effort of 43.46 and for a 64th place finish.

Sixth grader Jeffrey Parker also competed for the first time in the 800-meter run. Jeffrey ran well and finished 65th overall in 3:21.67.



The following members of the RCHS Band were selected to participate in the 2000 Eastern Kentucky University High School Honors Band. These students, along with 300 other young musicians from several states including Ohio, Indiana, West Virginia, and South Dakota, rehearsed for two demanding days with the end of the event culminating in a concert given on February 20th at EKU's Brock Auditorium. Members are shown above, from left: Tom Mills, Vonda Carmack, Shannon Stevens, Shana Noe, and Ricky Barrett.

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Then Have We Got Some GOOD NEWS For You!

The Churches of the Rockcastle Association of Kentucky Baptists are hosting an event called **Celebrate Jesus 2000!** As part of that Celebration we will be Sponsoring a County Wide Crusade to be held at the Rockcastle County Middle School Gym on May 14 - 19, 2000. We would like to invite all the Churches in Rockcastle County to join us in the Crusade Effort!

In conjunction with this Crusade we are offering a Course prepared by the Billy Graham Evangelistic Team called **The Christian Life and Witness Course!** This is a four week course that will help in Strengthening your Walk with Jesus Christ. It will also enable you to serve as a Counselor during the Celebrate Jesus Crusade - if you feel that God would be leading you to help in that capacity.

In order to serve as a Crusade Counselor - these Classes are a **MUST!**



Just imagine the Thrill of leading a individual to their own personal knowledge of Jesus Christ as the Lord and Savior! These Classes will help you do just that... Designed by the Billy Graham Evangelistic Team and used prior to every Billy Graham Crusade - these classes have helped countless numbers of people share their Faith In Christ - One on One with others who desire to know HIM as Lord and Savior!

These Classes are being offered FREE of Charge and will be taught by Dr. Jim Coldiron who works with both the North American Mission Board of the S.B.C. and with the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association. There are a total of 4 Classes and they will be taught at the Rockcastle County High School Auditorium.

The **First Class** will be on Monday - February 21, 2000 at 7:00 p.m. The **Second Class** will be on Monday - February 28, 2000 at 7:00 p.m. The **Third Class** will be on Monday - March 6, 2000 at 7:00 p.m. The **Fourth Class** will be on Monday - March 13, 2000 at 7:00 p.m. In order to serve as a Counselor during the Crusade you **MUST** attend all 4 Classes!

If you would like more information you may call the Associational Office at 256-4571 or E-mail them at: rockbaptist@kih.net - or you may call Bro. Mark Whicker - the Crusade Chairman - at 758-8313 or E-mail him at: mawhicker@kih.net

Again, we extend an Invitation to all the Churches in Rockcastle County Area to help make this **Celebrate Jesus 2000 Crusade** a Success by Joining Us in the Christian Life & Witness Courses as well as the main Crusade Event in May!

