

## Rockcastle County Staff participates in National School Safety Research Project

On May 4-6, Ruth Allen, Principal of Rockcastle County High School and Loretta Powell, Rockcastle Board of Education, attended the Hamilton-Fish Institute's Annual Symposium on School and Community Violence in Washington, D.C. Institute National Office staff, Consortium research teams, and school partners who are participating in an ongoing research study that examines the effectiveness of violence prevention programs in schools, attended the three-day symposium.

Rockcastle became involved in the study in the fall of 1999 after being asked by Eastern Kentucky University to participate. EKVU is one of seven Consortium member universities that work with Hamilton-Fish Institute. EKVU's primary interest in the study is to evaluate effective violence prevention strategies among

school.

As part of this National study on youth violence, Rockcastle County High School freshmen were administered the National School Crime and Safety Survey in the fall of 1999. The students will be followed over a two-year period, Institute staff will be able to recommend various programs and strategies that appear to curb violent behaviors among youth.

As the National Symposium, Ms. Allen and Ms. Powell were able to learn about ongoing investigations of programs and strategies designed to reduce violence in and around schools. These ideas are useful in assuring that schools are "on the right track" when it comes to youth violence prevention.



Back row from left: RCHS principal Ruth Allen, Becky Ritchie, EKVU Violence Prevention Project and Kathy Hall, Southwestern Pulaski High School YSC coordinator. Front row from left: Wanda Gaskin, Pulaski Co. BOE, Joy Renfro, EKVU Violence Prevention Project Director, Loretta Powell, Rockcastle Co. BOE, and Kelley Tackett, School Coordinator EKVU.

## Poet's Corner

### Cowboy Comedy Corral By William Jerry Ayers

I know one Texan who's so rich he has an unlisted phone company. In the old west a naughty child was straightened out by being bent over.

Hay growers keep bailing out. Craig... What's John Wayne got that I haven't?

Arika... Looks, talent, money and fame. Craig... Besides that.

New CD... She was only a moon-shiners daughter, but I loved her still, sung by The Drunking Cowboys.

His horses get up and go, got up and went.

Old bank robbers never die, they steal away in the night...

Little Indian... Ugh. Big Indian... Ugh.

Little Indian... Ugh, ugh. Big Indian... Don't change-um subject.

Cowboys know that a "SMILE" is a curved line that sets many things straight.

### Easter Sunrise Service By Preston Parrett

April 23, 2000  
It was a cool Sunday morning

A nip of frost was in the air, When several went to Christian Camp to worship and have a word of prayer.

Walter had it looking beautiful With everything mowed and neat, Surrounded by the forest

The camp was a lovely retreat.

Giant tulip poplars towered high Dwarfing the beautiful flowering dogwoods below.

While the sounds of God's creatures Came through sweet and low.

When we see the beauty of nature And hear nature's sound,

Yes, we know! Yes, we know! That God is around.

There was a tiny cross On top of the flag pole,

Symbolizing the death of Jesus Who died to make us whole.

A larger cross Stood on the brow of the hill,

Symbolizing that Christ died and arose His mission to fulfill.

Brother Wade read a poem Then told the Easter story,

And from God's own holy word A promise of a higher glory.

Brother Clay, the patriarch of our church,

Rendered up a comforting heartfelt prayer,

And as he finished and said "Amen" The sun broke through and brightened the heavens up there.

### Dear Graduates By William Jerry Ayers

You graduate from school today, And if in search of a career you should move away,

If times get rough and you feel blue, Think of others that are worrying too.

Things don't always go according to plan. For if they did wouldn't it be grand.

So if in life your troubles are many, Don't think the rest of us haven't any.

Life is made up of many smiles and tears.

Joys and sorrows, all mixed with fears.

And although as times you may think it's one sided,

Trouble is pretty well divided. If you could just look into every heart,

You would find that each one has its part.

Now those who travel fortunes road, Sometimes carry the biggest load.

It's true, there's more to life than money.

It's love, music and jokes that are funny.

And as you now move along life's highway,

Don't forget to take time to stop and pray.

Although at times from loved ones you must part,

Keep your family and friends close to your heart.

Now no matter what in life you become or do,

Please keep in mind these things I have just told you.

May GOD bless you where ever you may roam,

And always bring you safely back home.

### Graduates, A Person is a Success By William Jerry Ayers

Graduates, a person is a success, Who is life has found everlasting love,

And finds time to worship our Lord up above.

Who does not think first of fine cars, mansions and money,

But of good friends to share a joke with that's funny.

Graduates, a person is a success, Who has earned the respect and love of his kind,

And gained the trust of many small children.

Who loves to listen to birds as they sing,

And answers the call of church bells when they ring.

Graduates, a person is a success, Who leaves this old world better than they found it to be,

And never lacked appreciation of nature's great beauty.

Who looked for the best in others, and gave all they had,

And always kept the love and respect of their mom and dad.

One that is proud of our flag and this great land,

And will defend it against any country or any man.

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### And The Real Winner Is By William Jerry Ayers

And the winner is... Oh how your heart will really pound,

The moment you've been waiting for has finally come around.

But wait, suppose you don't win and don't get the fame.

It isn't the winning, but just how you played the game.

Each one is a winner, you've won the greatest gift God can give.

You've won love and friends, it's why people want to live.

If you win the trophies and ribbons but not friends and love,

You're a loser, not a winner, just ask the Lord above.

Your friends and love will last forever, yes, forever and a day.

But the trophies and ribbons will rust and quickly fade away.

Your family and friends are waiting with leadrops in their eyes.

Their hearts are beating like yours, to hear you won the prize.

To your parents you are the greatest, to friends you are the same.

Yet to be happy and successful, you don't really need the fame.

So, when they announce the winner, it should be a real thrill.

For if you don't win the trophy one of your best friends will.

### Kidding With Kids By William Jerry Ayers

Joy is seeing a smile on the little faces of those children that you love.

Say NO to drugs, say yes to life. Old football players never die, they just pass them fade away.

New CD... You Hit Me With A Rock And Stole My Roll sung by The Head, Achies.

A second grade Teacher is a person that knows how to make little things count.

New Book... "Fly Me Too The Moon" by Willie Maketz.

A Teacher asked her class "What's a Grecian Urn? One of her students said "About 75 dollars a week I think."

SMILE at someone today who knows they may give it back.

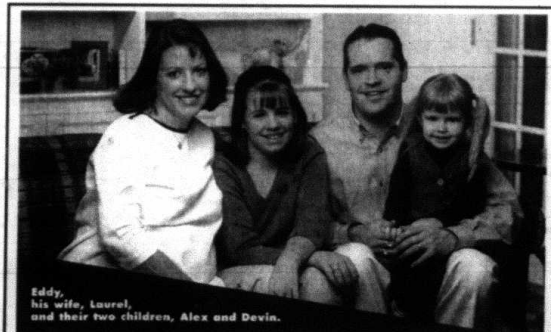
## Work done on E.B. Allen Cemetery



James Renner restringing fence at E.B. Allen Cemetery on Toddy Payne Rd.



Tommie Falin putting in new fence posts at E.B. Allen Cemetery on Toddy Payne Rd.



Eddy, his wife, Laurel, and their two children, Alex and Devin.

## A Vision for the Future.

In a perfect world, there would be no crimes to be punished and crime victims would not know the pain of suffering. Unfortunately, this isn't a perfect world and we need tough and experienced leadership to uphold and follow our laws.

"This is a job I love. I want to make this area safer and better for everyone who lives in this region... not just for my family, but for all people and for generations to come."

Eddy Montgomery  
Acting Commonwealth Attorney  
28th Judicial Circuit

### A Record of Service

- Graduated from Somerset High School, 1983
- Graduated from the University of Kentucky, 1987
- Graduated from the University of Louisville College of Law, 1990
- United States Air Force, 1990-1994
- Assistant Commonwealth Attorney, 1995
- Acting Commonwealth Attorney, 1998-Present

- Two Commendation Medals awarded by the United States Air Force.

## Vote May 23

Paid for by Eddy Montgomery • Robert S. Harris, Treasurer

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12:30-1:45 Bittersweet CLOGGERS

2:00 PARADE (GRAND MARSHAL TO BE ANNOUNCED)

4:00 - 5:00 PM REGULAR BVFD FISH FRY CARRY OUTS \$5.00  
MENU: 3 PIECES OF FISH, COLE SLAW, BAKED POTATO, 11 SH PUPPIES, CAKES

5:00-8:00 LIVE BAND  
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6:00 - 8:00 PM REGULAR BVFD ALL YOU CAN EAT FISH FRY \$5.00

8:00-9:00 STREET DANCE Lot between Dari Delights & Beauty Shops

9:00 PM "Donation" Ticket PRIZES TO BE DRAWN--EVERY 15 MINUTES UNTIL THEY ARE ALL GIVEN OUT. MUST BE PRESENT TO WIN!

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THROUGHOUT THE DAY

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