

Saddle Club holds 100 Mile Ride



Everett and Evelyn Adams had the largest family at this year's 100 Mile Ride, they were back row from left: Everett Adams, Evelyn Adams, Brett Adams, Sally Adams, Lori Adams, Keith Adams. Front row from left: John Adams, Katrina Adams, Trevor Edwards, Trace Edwards.

The 25th annual 100 Mile Ride sponsored by the Rockcastle County Saddle Club was a very successful and fun filled event this year. Riders from ages 8 to 80 participated in the four day event.

Over 70 people participated in the ride with 59 completing the entire four days. The saddle club would like to especially thank the following folks for helping to make this year's 100 Mile Ride a spectacular event: Kaye Shelton, from Dari Delite in Brodhead, for the fantastic service and food; Bill Dyehouse of Dyehouse Trophies in Crab Orchard for his splendid work and a special thanks goes out to all the various club members who always work very hard at these events. Knox County Saddle Club was the largest visiting club.

Tell a buddy and bring a friend to any of the saddle club's numerous events throughout the riding season. The schedule for July 2000 is as follows:

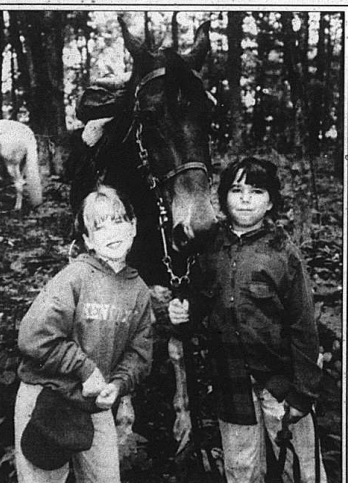
Sat. July 15 - Bobby Ball Wagon Ride at Cartersville 9:30 a.m. B.O.L.
Sun. July 15 - Willard Neeley Director Ride at Saddle Clubhouse on Hwy. 1326.



Five year trophy winners were: Keith Adams, Katrina Adams, Brett Adams, Lori Adams and Larry Gibson. Not pictured was Larry Goff.



Carrie Perkins and Zachary Combs were the youngest male and female completing the 100 Mile Ride.



Tiffany and Angel Philbeck, daughters of Jeff Philbeck, also completed the 100 Mile Ride.



Gene Philbeck, Saddle Club president, presented Evelyn Adams a trophy for being the oldest lady rider at this year's 100 Mile Ride.



Gene Philbeck presented Clay Colson a trophy for being the oldest gentleman rider at this year's 100 Mile Ride.



Keith Shoecraft, rider traveling the farthest (Paducah) with Gene Philbeck.



From left: John L. Bruner II, Executive Director, Hal Rogers, Barbara Newcomb and daughter Chere' Embs and Bob Fields, president Rockcastle Water Association.



From left: Barbara Newcomb, Dr. Jesse L. White, Jr., ARC federal co-chairman, Sakina Thompson and Bob Fields, president Rockcastle Water Association.

Newcomb & family participates in ARC Program in Washington, D.C.

By Barbara Newcomb

Recently my daughter and I were invited to Washington, D.C. to speak for our community and to express our gratitude for the ARC funding, which enable most residences to have access to city water.

Chere' and I were very honored to have had this privilege of visiting our nation's capital with a purpose.

Mr. John Bruner II (executive director) with Cumberland Valley Area Development and Mr. Bob Fields (president of the Water Association) accompanied us on our trip.

They both were very helpful on this adventure and through their time and efforts along with other members, made it possible to receive the ARC funding.

ARC (Appalachian Regional Commission) is a wonderful organization and deserves support, making it possible for Appalachian areas to become better developed, or as they put it, "That we will no longer be considered a 'region apart' from the rest of America."

We were welcomed to Washington and made to feel right at home. I did my best to let the congressman know what a difference this water has made in under developed areas like ours.

At the Sam Rayburn Building on Capitol Hill, I walked up in front of the congregation in the largest, tallest most noble looking building I've ever been in, in my life and told them of the hardships that go along with no city water and how that it has "ruined" our way.

This was a wonderful experience, one that I will never forget.

We were all honored to have met Rep. Bud Shuster from Pennsylvania; Rep. Jim Oberstar from Minnesota; Rep. Hal Rogers of Kentucky; Rep. Bob Wise of West Virginia and Dr. Jesse L. White, ARC Federal Co-Chairman, who also spoke at this conference in support of the ARC program.

With sincere gratitude for ARC and to all who participated in this accomplishment God bless you.

Locals participate in AE program at UK

Candice Blair, Sara Snyder and Caleb Blair, all of Mt. Vernon, spent three weeks between June 11 and June 30 at the University of Kentucky as a participant in the Appalachian Explorers program. The program is supported by the Robinson Trust fund and includes students representing the counties within the Appalachian region of Eastern Kentucky.

The program consisted of science classes, laboratory work, field trips, visiting scientists and scientific research. Both class and lab work focused on scientific concepts in areas such as erosion, chemistry and energy. Using scientific experiments, participants spent several days investigating research questions. The primary field trip involved a three day trip to Robinson Forest. During the trip, students participated in environmental activities and examined areas reclaimed by coal companies.

The Appalachian Explorers program is sponsored by the University of Kentucky College of Education. Dr. J. Truman Stevens is the project director.

Bring Brazil to Mt. Vernon

Somewhere in Brazil, there is a teenager dreaming of perfecting his or her English, sharing stories of life in Brazil that a Mt. Vernon family won't see or hear on television or the Internet, and learning everything he or she can about American culture. But most importantly, that teenager dreams of becoming part of an American family, your family.

By bringing a Brazilian student into your home for 5 or 10 months, you can experience another culture without ever leaving your home. You can also develop a close tie to someone who genuinely wants to experience your way of life. Eric Via, a host father from Texas, recently hosted an exchange student, Christina. He said, "I know I was only her host father, but I felt like I was her real father sometimes. We'll never forget her, and I'll cherish her stay with us."

For more than 19 years, Academic

Year in America (AYA), a program sponsored by the American Institute For Foreign Study (AIFS) Foundation, a not-for-profit organization, has brought international students between the ages of 15 to 18 1/2 to the U.S. These bright young "ambassadors" of Brazil will arrive in August with full medical insurance, their own spending money, solid academic records and English skills as well as great hopes.

In addition to the tremendously rewarding experience of helping make someone's dream come true, you can earn up to \$1,000 toward any number of travel abroad programs sponsored by AIFS. For more information on hosting a Brazilian exchange student, please call Danielle Carpio at 800-322-4678, ext. 5164 or e-mail dcarpio@aifs.com. You can also visit AYA on-line at www.academicyear.org.