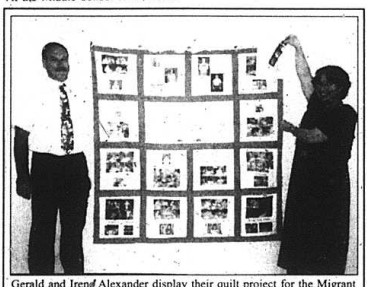
Migrant Education Art/ Writing Competition

Recently, the State Migrant Education Program conducted an art and writing competition for students enrolled in the migrant program. Categories in visual art included all mediums. The categories for the writing competition included poetry, short and essay. The competition was sponsored The Compensatory Programs Branch by the Department of Education.

On Monday, September 18, 2000, the winners from Rockcastle County were announced during a ceremony and reception at the Rockcastle County High School Auditorium. Writing at the 9th and 12th grade level in the Short Story Category was David Snyder winning second place. At the Middle School level, Jerrad Allen won first place and third place in the Short Story Category. Also, at the Middle School level, Sara Snyder won second place in the Writing Essay. In the Elementary Writing Category, Roundstone Elementary School received all three state awards. Courtney Sparks won first place, Mark Valerio won second place and Justin Flemming won third place. In the class project category, Gerald and Irene Alexander won first place with their quilt project.

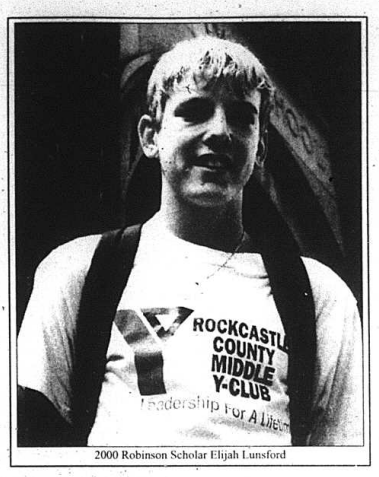
Local educators working with the students include: Vanessa Jones, Christa Rose, Tammy Miller, Karen Powell, Norma Eversole, Nelson Graves, Renee Burdett and Regina Burton.



Gerald and Irene Alexander display their quilt project for the Migrant Class Project competition.

Rockcastle County students placing in the Migrant Education Art/Writing competition include, front row from left: Katie Shelton, Mark Valerio, Justin Flemming. Back row from left: David Snyder, Ashley Kimbrel. Not pictured were Sara Snyder and Jerrad Allen.

Migrant competition recipients, teachers, sponsors and Central Office staff.



2000 Robinson Scholar Elijah Lunsford

Lunsford participates in UK Robinson Scholars program

Elijah Lunsford, a freshman at Rockcastle County High School, recently participated in the University of Kentucky Robinson Scholar's week-long program on the campus of Southeast Community College in Cumberland. The program focused on Appalachian Studies and included workshops in Appalachian history and traditions, storytelling, traditional dance and music, arts and crafts and Appalachian literature and poetry. The students also visited Appalshop in Whitesburg and were featured in a story-telling radio show on WYMT.

Elijah was selected as a recipient of the Robinson Scholarship in May of this year and will be awarded a full scholarship to the University of Kentucky or one of its community colleges if he maintains a high grade point-average, earns the designated score on the ACT, participates in program activities, and graduates from an Eastern Kentucky high school.

The scholarship includes full tuition, fees, room and board, books and personal stipends for up to four years of study at the University of Kentucky or any of the state's community colleges. Paula R. Whitaker is the regional program coordinator.

Elijah is the son of Debra and Keith Bullock of Orlando and Michael and Eileen Lunsford of Berea.

Dyehouse named National Finalist for FFA Award

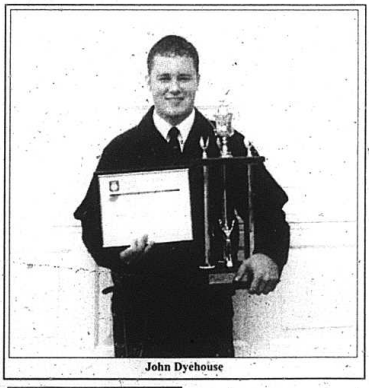
The National FFA Organization announced that John William Dyehouse of Brodhead has been selected as a national finalist for the National FFA Proficiency Award in the Home and/or Community Development - Entrepreneurship/Placement area. Dyehouse is one of only four people chosen to compete for this award at the national finals to be held this October during FFA's national convention in Louisville.

The proficiency awards recognize outstanding student achievement in agribusiness gained through establishement of a new business, working for an existing company or otherwise gaining hands-on career experience. The Home and/or Community Development - Entrepreneurship/Placement Award is one of 45 proficiency program areas FFA members can participate in to develop valuable experience and leadership skills at the local, state and national levels.

Dyehouse, a member of the Rockcastle County FFA Chapter, became eligible for the national award after winning the Kentucky state FFA competition earlier this year.

This award is sponsored by Carhartt, Inc., as a special project of the National FFA Foundation. In recognition of being a finalist, each of the four finalists will receive a plaque and $250. The national winner of the Home and/or Community Development-Entrepreneurship/Placement Award will receive an additional $250 during a special ceremony at the FFA's national convention.

FFA is a national organization of 453,902 members preparing for leadership and careers in the science, business and technology of agriculture. Local, state and national programs provide opportunities for students to apply knowledge and skills learned in the classroom. The organization has 7,268 local chapters located throughout the United States, Puerto Rico, Guam and the Virgin Islands. The FFA mission is to make a positive difference in the lives of students by developing their potential for premier leadership, personal growth and career success through agricultural education. The FFA Internet web site, www.ffa.org, can provide information about the National FFA Organization.



John Dyehouse

UK Band to perform

On Thursday, October 12 at 7:00 p.m., the University of Kentucky Concert Band, Wind Ensemble will perform in the auditorium of the Rockcastle County High School. The UK Band will be presented by the Rockcastle County High School/ Rockcastle County Area Technology Center 21st Century Community Learning Center and the Rockcastle Council for the Arts. The UK performance will kick off the 21st CCLC Fine Arts Series which is a component of the 21st Century Community Learning Center federal grant.

The University of Kentucky Wind Ensemble, under the direction of Mr. Richard Clary, is comprised of the finest wind and percussion performers in the School of Music. Performing several concerts each year of the finest works for concert winds and percussion, the Wind Ensemble is now being recognized nationally as one of the finest university instrumental ensembles of its kind, and as a leader in the public performance of new musical compositions in the "Bluegrass" region. Since 1994 the wind Ensemble has been invited to perform for three divisional and national conferences of the College Band Directors National Association, and twice for the Kentucky Music Educators Association. As the centerpiece of a comprehensive band program which has served the Commonwealth of Kentucky for over 100 years, the Wind Ensemble continues a proud tradition of performance over a wide variety of challenging and important repertoire.

Richard Clary is the Director of Bands and Associate Professor of Conducting at the University of Kentucky in Lexington. His duties include the artistic guidance of the University Wind Ensemble, Concert Band and Chamber winds, and direction of newly instituted Master and Doctor of Musical Arts programs in the study of instrumental conducting. His other duties at UK include the administration of all aspects of a dynamic and comprehensive university band program which includes the "Wildcat" Marching Band, three concert wind bands and one of the largest and most visible basketball pep bands in the United States.

The public is invited and no admission will be charged. According to H. Allen Pensol, Basic Arts Coordinator for Rockcastle County Schools, "We are very pleased that the UK Wind Ensemble will be performing for the Rockcastle community. So many residents feel they have to travel outside the county for fine arts programming. Now, with the 21st Century Community Learning Center Fine Arts Series, they can enjoy quality programming here at home.

The University of Kentucky Wind Ensemble will perform Thursday, October 12, 2000 at 7 p.m. at the Rockcastle County High School auditorium.

Bittersweet Festival 5K Run

Saturday, October 7, 2000
Mt. Vernon, KY

Starting Time: **8:00 AM** (Registration begins at 7:00 AM on Main Street at the courthouse)
Entry Fee: **$12.00** for pre-registered participants **on or before 10/05/00.**
$14.00 registration fee on the day of the race.
Awards: Awards to the top three overall male and female winners
Awards to the top three male and female winners in each age division
Course: Mostly flat/slightly hilly. Course begins on Main Street at the courthouse and continues north on Richmond Street to the Mt. Vernon Elementary School, circle and return back on Richmond St. Turn right onto West Main St. to the Mt. Vernon Middle School, circle and return back on West Main Street to the courthouse. Water stations will be provided at the halfway point as well as at the finish.

Entry Form for Bittersweet Festival - 5K Run

Name _____ Age on day of race _____

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Male Divisions				Female Divisions			
8 & under	30-40	55-59		8 & under	30-34	55-59	
9-13	35-39	60-64		9-13	35-39	60-64	
14-18	40-44	65-69		14-18	40-44	65-69	
19-24	45-49	70-79		19-24	45-49	70-79	
25-29	50-54	80 & up		25-29	50-54	80 & up	

Bittersweet Classic 5K Run Waiver of Liability

I know running a road race is a potentially hazardous activity. I should not enter and run unless I am medically able and properly trained. I agree to abide by any decision of a race official relative to my ability to safely complete the run. I assume all risks associated with running this event including, but not limited to, falls, contact with other participants, the effects of weather, including high heat or humidity, and conditions of the road. Having read this waiver and knowing these facts and in consideration of your accepting my entry, I, for myself and anyone entitled to act on my behalf, waive and release the sponsors, organizers, volunteers, and the City of Mt. Vernon from all claims or liabilities of any kind arising out of my participation in this event. I also understand that the race entry fee is non-refundable, unless there is a cancellation of the race.

Signature _____ /Date _____

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