



They are all winners, but Miss Ashley Bussell is the champion of this year's Rockcastle County Spelling Bee. Miss Bussell is a fifth grader at Broadhead and pictured on far right. Also shown, from left: Taylor Anderkin, Regina Rice and Kaitlin Williams.

Bussell wins spelling bee

The 2003 Rockcastle County Spelling Bee competition was held on Thursday at the Central office of the Rockcastle County school system.

Broadhead fifth grader Ashley Bussell was the eventual winner. Other participants in the competition were Regina Rice, a fifth

grader at Mt. Vernon Elementary, Taylor Anderkin, a fourth grader from Roundstone Elementary and Kaitlin Williams, an eighth grader at the Rockcastle County Middle School.

Miss Bussell will participate in the state spelling bee on March 22nd which will be held in Louisville.

Fiscal Court (Cont. From Front)

told the court that it didn't make any difference to her husband about the lights and sirens. "He is out four or five nights a week, patrolling our area and plans on taking the training anyway."

Carloftis then polled the magistrates as to their feelings on the matter and all seemed to be in consensus that if the lights and sirens were approved then the Constables would have to receive the training.

After an hour spent on the discussion, Carloftis called for a motion to prohibit the use of blue lights by constables with no response by the magistrates. His second call was for a motion to permit the use of blue lights and sirens and again the magistrates remained mute.

At that point, Carloftis appointed a committee of William Denney, Billy McKinney and David Gibbs to study the situation and make a recommendation at the next meeting of the fiscal court, scheduled for March 11.

In other business, County Clerk Norma Houk presented her settlement for 2002 to the court showing receipts of \$2,049,330 and disbursements of \$2,040,984.08. The court will receive \$8,345.92 in excess fees pending an audit scheduled to begin Thursday by a CPA firm out of Louisville.

The county will receive \$104,371 for the County Road Aid Program to

July 1, 2003, according to a letter received by Judge Carloftis from the Transportation Cabinet. Last year, the county did not receive any funds for this program.

A report submitted to the court from the Rockcastle county Animal Shelter for January showed 66 new intakes, 65 euthanized and 32 animals housed as of January 30. During the month, there were three adoptions. Donations for January amounted to \$1,953.00.

For the court's information, Carloftis gave them a letter from the Department of Local Government setting out the minimum and maximum salary for the county judge, county clerk, sheriff and jailer for the 2003 calendar year.

Based on the county's population and other variables, these officials salary for 2003 will be \$63,752.94.

County Treasurer Joe Clontz presented the court with a financial statement of the various county accounts through February 11 which showed all accounts in the black. However, the county has a note payment due in May of over \$70,000 on the debt service for the jail and, at present, has only \$26,671 in the account. The reduction in state prisoners cost the county approximately \$20,000 per month which could have been used for this payment.

James Renner, a supervisor of the Solid Waste Clean Up department, submitted a report to the court which showed that, during January, 336 bags of trash were picked up plus 16 tires, a gas tank and a half truck load of trash from the Flat Gap and Copper Creek area. Billy R. Sowder also supervises the program which uses work-release prisoners.

Our sympathies go out



It is with great sadness this week that we once again have to run an obituary of a promising teenager.

Ricky Dee Bussell, 16, of Somerset died after a car accident in Pulaski County last week.

He was the son of Rick Bussell, a Rockcastle County native, with a large family here in the county.

Our sympathies go out to Rick and his family. In my very humble opinion, losing a child has to be the worst thing a family can go through. I have never handled the death of a loved one very well. I can only imagine what the Bussell family is going through.

Simply our hearts go out.

And this is really no compassion except for the fact it has to do with children - some other teenagers had a brighter moment on Tuesday night.

The Rockcastle County Lady Rockets basketball team had probably their best win in years, when they upset the Lady Generals of Jackson County.

Chrysti Noble and her team would probably not say it was an upset because they know just how good they are - but in recent years Jackson County has been an Achilles

heel for the Lady Rockets.

That is no more. The Lady Rockets have lost only four games and won 19 this season. The district tournament will also be held at the ROCK and although it will be tough to advance because Jackson and Clay are also very good teams, the Lady Rockets have a very good chance to win the district and the region.

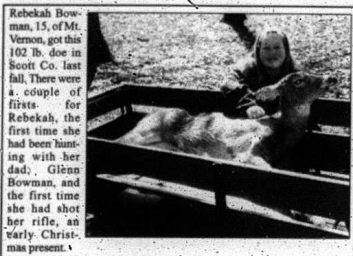
For the most part I am not an envious or jealous person, although I will have to say that I always did want to meet the President of the United States, even if he or she were a Democrat and certainly if he or she were a Republican.

My son, who is still in high school, has met the President of the United States, been interviewed by a former Miss America and, Sunday, he will leave for Washington again.

Aaron has been invited to participate in a forum at the White House and will be the only high school student from the United States to take part in that particular forum.

Also participating in the forum are Vice President Dick Cheney and Secretary of State Colin Powell. I want to congratulate my son and I would also add that he is getting this opportunity because of his involvement in the Kentucky Youth Assembly.

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Homecoming Festivities

The Rockcastle County High School Basketball Homecoming will be held before the doubleheader with North Laurel next Friday night, February 14. Festivities will begin at 5:45 p.m. with the presentation of the King and Queen candidates and the crowning ceremony.

Parents, family and friends wishing to observe the ceremony should plan to be in the gym no later than 5:45 p.m.

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Paul said in Eph. 6:1-3, "Children, obey your parents in the Lord: for this is right. Honour thy father and mother: which is the first commandment with promise: That it may be well with thee, and thou mayest live long on the earth." Now this idea of respect which children have toward parents, involves respect and obedience while at home under the parents roof, but it also includes helping, taking care of them in their old age. Jesus talked about this in Mark 7:9-13, "And he said unto them, Full well ye reject the commandment of God, that ye may keep your own tradition. For Moses said, Honour thy father and thy mother: and, Whosoever father or mother, let him do the death, but ye say, If a man shall say to his father or mother, It is Corban, that is to say, a gift, by whatsoever thou mightest be profited by him; he shall be free. And ye suffer him no more to do ought for his father or his mother: Making the word of God of none effect through your tradition, which ye have delivered: and many such like things do ye." The Jews twist allowed them to think that if they gave at the temple, they were no longer responsible for helping take care of their aged parents, thus nullifying the command of God. Paul said in 1 Tim. 5:4, "But if any widow have children or nephews, let them learn first to show piety at home, and to requite their parents: for that is good and acceptable before God." The word requite means to repay; recompense, reciprocate, pay back. Yes, honor thy father and thy mother!

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