

ramblings. . .

by: perlinia m. anderskin
At a certain stage in your life, you begin to do things for a "last" time. One of those "lasts" came about Saturday night at the finals of the regional basketball tournament when our grandson, Aaron, played his "last" basketball game for RCHS at Whitley County.

"Lasts" are sad times but that one was especially sad since that was the last time Aaron and the other three seniors will be on the same court in an official high school game. I have watched these four boys since 6th grade and, at times, it seemed they would always be playing together but, as everything else in life, time marches on and changes course.

Mainly, I am writing this article to thank Aaron, Aaron, Chris and Austin for all the good times, especially in the last two years, they have given us in the game of basketball. Last year's team was the first ever to win a regional title, defeating their nemesis Clay County by one point, and appear in the Sweet Sixteen. Of

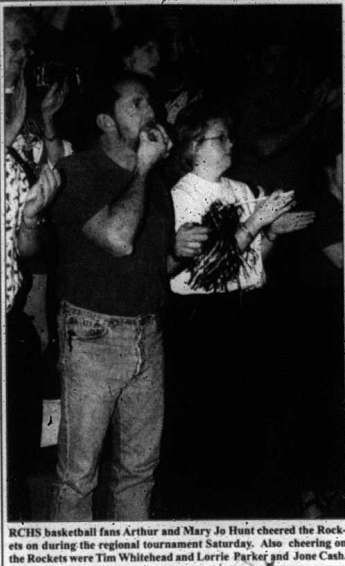
course, then senior Andrew Hammond contributed mightily to that accomplishment along with the Rockettes then freshman point guard Aaron Cash. The 2001-02 team also won the most games in school history.

This year's team won the school's first ever district championship, again defeating Clay County and again by one point.

They fell short in the finals of the regional tournament, playing an inspired Cumberland Indians team seeking their first ever Sweet Sixteen berth, and losing 57-54.

Since our oldest child, Rick, was in the fourth grade, I'd be the first time that we, personally, have not had a child involved in either boys or girls basketball and the withdrawal will be hard to deal with. But we still have Aaron's "last" basketball season to enjoy.

Again, thanks guys. It's been fun and we'll miss you but we know that all four of you will go on to bigger and better accomplishments in your life but you got off to a rousing start at RCHS.



RCHS basketball fans Arthur and Mary Jo Hunt cheer the Rockets on during the regional tournament Saturday. Also cheering on the Rockets were Tim Whitehead and Lorrie Parker and Jose Cash.

ROCKS in the region

By: Preston Parrett
The Rock vanquished the Red Birds And now Knox Central was the foe and from the onset of the game All the Rocket's systems were go.

What was supposed to be a nail biter Turned out a rout, At the Rock showed the Panthers What the game was all about.

Aaron Cash was hot As he tossed in ten, While the Panthers relied on treys Which weren't falling in.

In the second quarter Aaron Anderson took scoring control, As he chipped in ten And the Rock was on a roll.

Settles, Reynolds and Big "A" hit treys While Cash added four, And the Rock in the third Was closing the Panthers door.

The fourth quarter was a blowout As the Rock could do no wrong, For they outscored the Panthers 21 to 8.

And there was a victory yell from the Rock through.

This put the Rock in the finals Going against the Cumberland Redkins, Who had ousted the Bell Bobcats With an upset win.

The game got underway With the rock scoring being on hold, The night before they were red hot And now they were ice cold.

The first quarter of the contest Rocks shots would not fall, As Miller got four and Anderson two And that was all.

In the second quarter of the game The Rock was still off their feed, As Cash had 2, Big "A" and Taylor 3.

And the Redkins had an 8-point lead.

After the half was over the gritty Rockets fought back, With all the starters scoring in a balanced attack.

The Redkins lead was cut to one And the game was nip and tuck, With Chris Settles scoring ten But the Redkins were in luck.

With only seconds to go And the Indians up by three, The Rock missed a tying shot And the game was history.

Congratulations to all of you For the great season that you've had, Rockcastle County folks are proud of you, So let's be thankful and not sad.

For you're a great group of young people And you've got Rockcastle Countians standing tall, And to the coaches, players, cheerleaders, band, and dance team: We're really proud of you all.

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"What Saith the Scriptures"

We want to continue our study of some of the outstanding attitudes that were manifested in the first church as seen in the book of Acts.

In Acts 2:42 we read, "And they continued steadfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, and in breaking of bread, and in prayers." Notice that they were steadfast in the apostles' doctrine. This word steadfast is defined as: to be earnest towards, to persevere, be constantly diligent, or to attend assiduously all the exercises, or to adhere closely. These folks desired and were committed to sound doctrine. This is how brethren can dwell together in unity. "And they, continuing daily with one accord in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, did eat their meat with gladness and singleness of heart." Ac 2:46. As Amos said long ago, "Can two walk together, except they be agreed?" ch. 3:3. Yes these believers were in unity, for they all had the mind set to follow sound doctrine. But in time, not all would be satisfied with the truth. In Acts 15 some were teaching erroneous things, but Paul and Barnabas stood up to this error with "no small contention and dispute with them." After the looking at what the Lord had already revealed, the truth prevailed with the good brethren, "Then pleased it the apostles and elders, with the whole church," vs. 22. All problems work out when folks love the truth!

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Four die in Pulaski smash-up

Reprinted from the Lexington Herald Leader, March 19th issue

By: Bill Estep

Two crashes that happened minutes apart in Pulaski County Monday evening, killed four and injured five others, one critically.

The first wreck occurred when a 1989 Toyota Celica, driven by a 16-year-old girl from Somerset, hit a 1990 Ford pickup on head on, according to a news release from Pulaski County Sheriff Todd Wood.

The impact of the crash on Ky. 461, about five miles west of the Rockcastle-Pulaski line, was so great it knocked the dual-wheel pickup onto the abutment of a bridge over Buck Creek.

The 16-year-old driver, Amy L. Daum, and passengers Thomas Jas-

per, 19, of Pulaski County and Nathan Sisson, 21, of Somerset, were pronounced dead at the scene.

The driver of the other vehicle, 46-year-old Jerry Mayfield of Bronston, was later pronounced dead at Lake Cumberland Regional Hospital.

Three passengers in his truck were hurt - Michael Nevels, 21, of Bronston; David Lewis, 48, and David Baker, 24, both of Burnside.

Nevels was in stable condition at the Somerset hospital yesterday. Baker and Lewis were treated in the emergency room but not admitted.

That wreck was reported to the county 911 center at 7:27 p.m. Two minutes later, the dispatch center received a call about another wreck in which a Somerset man was critically hurt.

Jason J. Walker, 27, was driving east on Ky. 70 in a 1990 Acura when he pulled into the path of Jesse Gentry, 39, driving north on Ky. 39 in a 1997 Chevrolet pickup.

Walker had to be extricated from the wreckage by the Somerset-Pulaski County Rescue Squad. He was flown from the scene by helicopter to the University of Tennessee Medical Center, where he remained in critical condition last night.

Gentry refused medical treatment at the scene, but was later treated and released from Lake Cumberland Medical Center.

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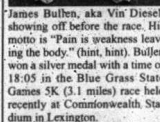
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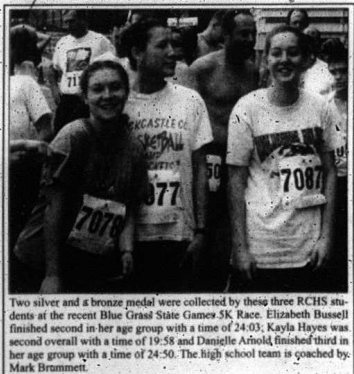
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James Bullen, aka Vin Diesel, showing off before the race. His motto is "Pain is weakness leaving the body." (hint, hint). Bullen won a silver medal with a time of 18:05 in the Blue Grass State Games 5K (3.1 miles) race held recently at Commonwealth Stadium in Lexington.



Andrew Nelson was another silver medal winner in the race with a time of 17:41.



Two silver and a bronze medal were collected by these three RCHS students at the recent Blue Grass State Games 5K Race. Elizabeth Bussell finished second in her age group with a time of 24:03. Kayla Hayes was second overall with a time of 19:58 and Danielle Arnold finished third in her age group with a time of 24:50. The high school team is coached by Mark Brummett.

Rockettes in the region

By: Preston Parrett

The Rockettes went into regional play With the Bell Bobcats as their foe. And the team showed in the first quarter Who was boss of the show.

The game started with balanced scoring And they were right on track, With Abney 2, Hayes 4, Rowe 4, Mink 2 and Hammond 4. A great way to attack.

The Rockettes were up 16 to 6 and they were on a tear, As they were taking charge and blowing the Bobcats out of there.

In the second period of play Bussell banked in four, While all the other players Added two each to the score.

The third quarter spelled doom for the Bobcats With the Rockettes pulling away, As Abney tossed in seven And Rowe and Katie Parsons each hit a trey.

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"Meth Lab"

(Cont. From Front)

legal drug operations." The arrest of Joey Thacker is pending on charges of Manufacturing Methamphetamine, a Class B felony and possession of less than 8 ounces of marijuana.

"Water Projects"

(Cont. from Front)

Danny Ford can work together as Democrats and Republicans for the funding and benefit of the people in Rockcastle County.

"Rockets"

(Cont. From Front)

Hammond, 10. The Lady Rockets defeated Bell County and Whitley County on the way to the finals.

(Watch next week's Signal for a complete wrap-up on both team's seasons)

Take a few minutes to save lives

A few minutes of your time may mean a lifetime to someone in need. Share your good health and donate blood. Central Kentucky Blood Center and Rockcastle County Community have scheduled a blood drive for Tuesday, March 25 from 1 to 6 p.m. at the Rockcastle Extension Office in the conference room. The blood drive is sponsored by the Rockcastle Extension Homemakers.

Ashley Bussell to compete in state BEE

Ashley Bussell, Brodhead, has been declared eligible to compete in the Kentucky State Spelling Bee, scheduled for Saturday, March 22 at the Seelbach Hilton Hotel, Louisville.

Bussell, the daughter of Janet Bussell, is one of 62 Kentucky and southern Indiana youngsters who will compete for a trip to the Scripps Howard National Spelling Bee later this year in Washington, D.C., as these prizes.

This is the 10th year that the bee is being held as part of the Kentucky Derby Festival. Kentucky Farm Bureau is sponsoring the bee in conjunction with Churchill Downs and 84VAHS Radio.

The Kentucky Network will broadcast the spelling bee competition, airing on KET Monday, April 21 at 9 p.m. ET and on KET2 Wednesday, April 30 at 10 p.m. ET. Kentucky students who have qualified for the state bee represent grades four through eight in public and private school systems across the state.

Notice

The Rockcastle County Fiscal Court will be accepting sealed bids on the following property no later than 9:00 a.m. on March 25, 2003:

- County voting buildings which may be viewed at the following locations: (1) East Mt. Vernon voting building located in Mt. Vernon city parking lot next to Cox Hardware.
- (2) West Mt. Vernon voting building located on Poplar Street in Mt. Vernon.
- (3) Brown precinct voting building located at Willilla Grocers.

It will be the responsibility of the buyer to have these buildings moved within 30 days of successful bid. The court reserves the right to reject any or all bids.

The Wildcat Mountain Longboards Chapter Of the National Wild Turkey Federation

will have a Seminar Saturday March 29th 10:00 am to 2:00 pm AT ROUNDTONE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL (Between Berea and Mount Vernon on Highway 25) Calling Court, lecture, games, prizes.

All proceeds go to the the local chapter to be able to hold events for our Jakes. Our Scholarship Program, etc. Booths for vendors will be available at a small fee... COME ONE COME ALL!!! For information call: Bill Cameron (606) 256-3640; Tony Mahaffey (606) 256-6805; Mike McGuire (606) 256-5184; Larry Hensley (606) 256-6481; Jerry Martin (606) 453-9906; Juan Garrison (606) 258-8030; Tim Sweet (606) 256-9066; Gerald Alexander (606) 256-5606.