



Record Keeping Team: Shane Cameron, Cody Lester, Jessi Asher, and Carter Hammond. The Record Keeping team received first place and will move on to state competition.



FFA Talent: Donald Sowder, Nathan Doan, Matthew Whitaker, Heather Adams, Brian Powell, Daniel Bustle, and Jordan Hall. The Talent Group received an excellent rating.

Rockcastle chapter is successful at FFA Day

The Rockcastle County FFA Chapter recently competed in Eastern FFA Day competitions at Eastern Kentucky University after many weeks of preparation, which was well worth it in the long run.

The Varsity Parliamentary Procedure team placed first, after defeating Knox Central in the final. The team includes: Heather Adams, president; Daniel Bustle, vice president; Matthew Whitaker, secretary; Zach Hale, treasurer; Bryanna Russell, reporter; Jordan Hall, sentinel; Jeff Hayes, advisor and members, Donald Sowder, Matt Faulkner, Jesse Wright and Mark Dyehouse. The Rockcastle FFA has placed first now for eight out of the last nine years in the chapter seating contest.

Speech participants did well also and we received 10 superior ratings and 1 good rating with four of those being 1st place winners and five being second place recipients. Jamey Robinson competed in Prepared Public Speaking and received a superior rating. Matthew Whitaker spoke in Extemporaneous public speaking and received superior 2nd. Impromptu speech participants were Jamey

Rowe in Beef, receiving superior 2nd, Trenton Harding in Crop, superior 2nd, Heather Adams in Dairy, superior 1st, Bryanna Russell in Fruit and Veg, superior 2nd, Donald Sowder in Horse, Good rating, Nathan Doan in Sheep, superior 1st, Samantha Owens, Small Animal, superior 2nd and Jordan Hall in Swine, superior 1st.

FFA talent group performed an original song by member Donald Sowder and received an excellent rating. Besides Sowder, other members included Jordan Hall, Heather Adams, Daniel Bustle, Brian Powell and Nathan Doan.

Also competing was our record keeping team who received a superior 1st. Members are Jessica Asher, Cody Lester, Shane Cameron and Carter Hammond.

Overall, the Rockcastle County FFA Chapter proved again why it is one of the most dominating chapter of the Kentucky River Region and why we will continue to strive for the high level of excellence we achieve each year.

Jamey Robinson
Chapter Reporter



Varsity Parliamentary Procedure Team: Mark Dyehouse, Member, Matt Faulkner, Member, Bryanna Russell, Reporter, Donald Sowder, Member, Matthew Whitaker, Secretary, Heather Adams, President, Jordan Hall, Sentinel, Daniel Bustle, Vice-President, Zach Hale, Treasurer, Jessi Wright, Member. The Parly team won 1st place and will move on to state competition.

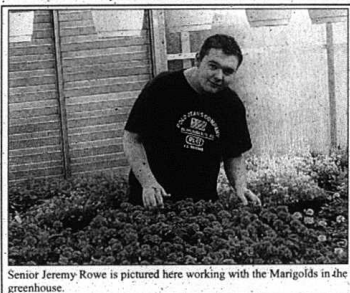
FFA Greenhouse Plants For Sale

By Jamey Robinson

The Rockcastle county FFA Chapter is selling its greenhouse plants during each school day from noon until 4 p.m. and on Saturday, May 3rd and May 10th from 9 a.m. to noon. This is a great opportunity for the public to purchase good garden or landscape plants, or to get Mom that perfect gift this Mother's Day.

We are located at the back end of the high school Please park inside the fenced area. We have tons of beautiful flowers to choose from including: Purple Wave Funtias, Impatiens (single or double), Begonias (non-stop or double), Marigolds, Pansies, Coleus, Vinca, Dianthus, New Carpet of Snow, Nasturtiums (a new product, highly recommended) and many others in a variety of colors. We also carry a variety of practical plants as well, including: Cabbage, Broccoli, Cauliflower, Kale, Peppers (banana, bell, jalapeno and decorative) and over 6 different varieties of Tomatoes.

Our horticulture classes have worked hard to ensure the quality of all our plants. The greenhouse has served as the laboratory for our horticulture classes. Students have studied various aspects of horticulture and plant science from plant ID to genetics.



Senior Jeremy Rowe is pictured here working with the Marigolds in the greenhouse.

Child Care Provider Appreciation Day

How much is it worth to you to know that your child is cared for by a loving, responsible child care provider each day while you are at work? May 9th is Child Care Provider Appreciation Day. Take time to write a note, give a gift, or just say Thank You. It will brighten their day and lighten their load.

Submitted by
Rockcastle County Health Dept.

On MSU Rifle Team

Jones signs with Morehead State

Melissa S. Jones, daughter of Mrs. Rhonda McFerron of Rockcastle County, and Mark Jones of Pulaski County, has signed a Letter of Intent to shoot at Morehead State University Rifle Team. Melissa is a member of the Rockcastle County JROTC.

Rifle Team, coached by Sergeant Major Keith Taylor. "She has been on the team only two years and has showed promise since day one," Sgt. Taylor said. "She has had the discipline and the determination to become one of the top shooters on the

Rockcastle team," he added.

The Rifle Team began in this county only eight years ago. They have won the Kentucky state championship in the Sporter category three times in a row and this year won State Runner-Up. They represented Kentucky in the Nationals for two years in a row and have also won numerous in-state competitions, along with competitions in Nashville, Tennessee and Atlanta, Georgia.

Three years ago, due to the support and funding of the Rockcastle County Board of Education, the team began competing in the Precision category. In order for the team to be able to compete at college level, they must shoot precision air rifles. Sergeant Major Taylor always had a goal for the students to be competitive for college scholarships. At the college level, the rifle team is an NCAA sport and its athletes must meet the eligibility and recruiting standards as in other college sports.

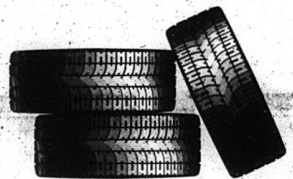
Melissa will be the first female from the Rockcastle team to have received a scholarship and will begin at Morehead in the fall. Hopefully there will be many more scholarships to follow.



Melissa Jones signed a letter-of-intent to attend Morehead State University and be a part of the school's Rifle Team. Watching on are, from left: Melissa's mom, Rhonda McFerron, RCHS Principal John Hale, Guidance Counselor Dale Whitaker and SGM Keith Taylor.

Waste Tire Amnesty Program

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This is your opportunity to bring your old waste tires and dispose of them at no charge. All tires including those on rims will be accepted. Tires that will NOT be accepted are foam filled tires, off road construction equipment tires, and solid tires with pressed on rims. TIRE RETAILERS AND AGRICULTURAL TIRE RETAILERS are NOT ELIGIBLE to participate.

If you have a large number of tires or cannot deliver your tires to the collection site, please call James Renner, Solid Waste Coordinator at 606-256-1902 to make special arrangements.



Cassandra Taulbee

Taulbee inducted into Golden Key International Society

Cassandra Lynn Taulbee of Brodhead has accepted membership in Golden Key International Honour Society and was inductively honored during a campus ceremony.

"It is only fitting that a high academic achiever like Cassandra be recognized by Golden Key," said Alexander D. Perwigh II, Golden Key executive director.

Golden Key International Honour Society is a non-profit, academic honors organization that provides academic recognition, leadership opportunities, community service, career networking and scholarships. The Society has more than 300 chapters in the United States, Puerto

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