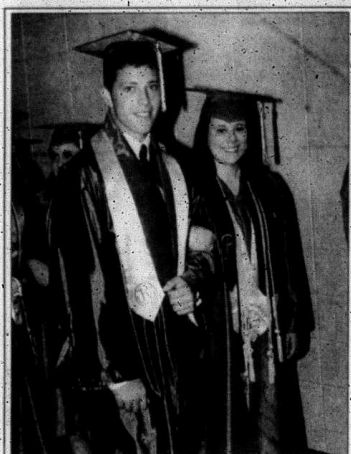




Valedictorian Amanda Cummins marched with Aaron Anderkin. Cummins delivered the Valedictorian address at commencement and Anderkin gave the opening prayer.



Salutatorian Jessica Thacker leaving the stage after delivering her address at commencement.



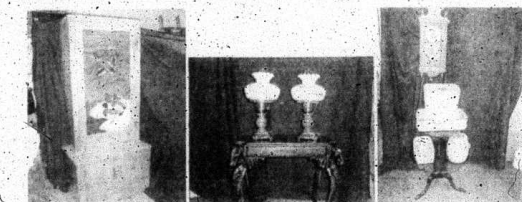
Jessica Thacker is shown with her parents, Jess and Sharon Thacker, as the senior softball players were honored last Thursday before their last home game of the season. With the Thackers is Clay Dollins, head softball coach.



Jessie Hayes was the other senior Lady Rocket softball player honored last Thursday. With Jessie are her parents, Mike and Sheila Hayes and Coach Clay Dollins.



The Rockcastle County High School boys basketball team held their awards banquet last week. Team members receiving awards are pictured above, from row from left: Devin Taylor, Best Defense and 110% player, Chris Settles, Best 3 Point Percentage and Senior Award and Aaron Cash, Best Free Throw Percentage, Best Defense, Best Offense and MVP. Back row from left: Aaron Anderkin, Most Rebounds and Senior Award, Blake Roberts, Best Field Goal Percentage and 6th Man Award, Elijah Fainford, Coach's Award and Austin Miller, Senior Award. Not pictured was Jason Reynolds receiving the Senior Award. The Rockets were the 49th District Tournament Champions and the 13th Region Runners-Up.



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Mt. Vernon, KY
Jerry Ham, Auctioneer
Friday, June 6, 2003
6:30 p.m.
Partial Listing Below

Glassware

Fenton, cranberry candle holders, Precious Moments, crystal cake stand, pitchers, 58 pc. Dishes set, small and large oil lamps, hen on nests, bells, cookie jars, bowl and pitcher set, milk glass, punch bowl set, mixing bowls, large compote, and much more!!!

Furniture

Bedroom set, matching chest & dresser, chests of drawers, beds, china cabinets, curio cabinets, sets of table and chairs, baker rack, corner cabinet, coffee & end tables, other tables, rocking chairs, table w/ horse heads on legs, cedar chest, desk, sewing machine, quilt racks, child table & chairs, magazine racks, library table, baby bed, high chair, changing table, youth car bed, and much more!!!

Miscellaneous

Longaberger baskets, picnic baskets, clock, quilts, rugs, large glass jar, beer signs, cast-iron skillet, Griswold, Wagner Ware, mirrors, pictures, wagon, rocking horse, toys, ladder, tools, and much more!!!



Little League Update

Submitted by David Brock
Minor League-A

May 27th
Rockies 20 - Dodgers 13
A's 10 - Yankees 9
May 30th
Mariners 13 - Indians 9
May 31st
Dodgers 17 - A's 10
Rockies 15 - Yankees 9 (8 innings)
Rockies clinch Minor League-A

Minor League - B

May 29th
Tigers 8 - Reds 0
May 30th
Mariners 13 - Indians 9
May 31st
Rockies 15 - Yankees 9 (8 innings)
Rockies clinch Minor League-B

Major League

May 29th
Rangers 4 - Reds 3
May 30th
Yankees 18 - Diamondbacks 8
(Tanner Perkins-Yankees - 5th HR)
May 31
Indians 5 - Yankees 4
Rangers 11 - Diamondbacks 1
June 2
Reds 13 - Diamondbacks 5
Indians 12 - Rangers 5

Home Runs

MINOR LEAGUE A
Brandon Burdette, Kenton Adams, Brandon Evans, Zack Dixon, Cody Lawson, Devin Didonato, Josh McKinney, Michael DeBorde, Lige Graves, Jordan Powell, Damien McDaniel, Bryson Amys and Corey Johnson, 1 HR each; Tyler Smith, 3.
MINOR LEAGUE B
Will Reynolds, T.J. Bussell, Jacob Bussell, Dylan Cromer, B.B. Cameron, Tyler Hoffman and William Milburn, 1 each; Tommy Shafer and Jon Paul Kidwell, 2 each; Brady McClure, 3 and Shaun King, 4.

MAJOR LEAGUE

Michel Nicely, 1 and Tanner Perkins, 4.

Standings

Minor League A	Minor League B
Rockies 10-2	Mariners 11-1
Yankees 7-5	Indians 6-6
A's 5-7	Rangers 5-7
Dodgers 2-10	Reds 5-7
	Tigers 3-9

Major League

Indians 11-2
Yankees 9-2
Diamondbacks 4-8
Reds 3-9
Rangers 3-10

Our Flag

I get a thrill, and my heart is filled with pride, as I see the flag of the United States flying in front of a home or in a parade. I love the flag and what it stands for in our country. I was first aware of the American Flag when I was three or four years old. My oldest brother, Junior, who was sixteen years older than I, was drafted into the United States Army during World War II. My parents were given a flag to display in the window to show that we had someone serving for Uncle Sam.

Letters arrived regularly from Junior. He suggested that our brother, Clarence, join the Navy or Air Force because he was sent into battle in Italy after his training. Clarence joined the Navy. My parents were given another flag to display in the window to show that two sons were serving in the Armed Forces.

It was with pride that my parents displayed those flags. I had respect for our flag from the beginning. I missed my brothers. We sat by the battery-powered radio every night and listened to the war news. My parents tried to figure out, as close as possible, where Junior was and if he had been in the latest battle described.

Shocking news came in the form of a telegram, saying Junior had been wounded in a battle in Southern Italy. He was taken to the hospital for surgery and recovery. When he was well enough, he was taken back to the front lines and ready for battle again. The second time we received a telegram saying he was wounded again. Another time he was taken to the hospital for recuperation. My mother cried and my father prayed and listened to the latest report of the news.

Junior was sent back into battle anew after he recovered. For the third

time in thirteen months, he was wounded. His leg was partially shot off. He was not able to return to battle. He was sent to train with the French Foreign Legion to help free those in captivity. He was given the Purple Heart Award as well as other medals for his service.

Clarence served in the Navy for four years with no injuries. He helped to free lots of people and quietly fight the war from his ship. He returned home safely.

I have two other brothers, Albert and Donald, who served in the Korean War. They served in the Navy and in the Air Force. They were injured. I am proud of my four brothers. They served their country because they respect it and love the freedom it stands for. They offered their life so we could be free and fly our flag because we love our country and the democracy it stands for.

I can't help but think about Betsy Ross as she was asked to make a flag. With fingers sore and bleeding from sewing without a machine, she constructed a flag to represent these United States in 1777. She sewed a flag to represent the blood shed for freedom and the hope for peace. Today, we still honor that flag every June 14 by observing Flag Day.

We are privileged to live in a country that is free. We can vote. We can speak our ideas. We can write our thoughts. We welcome foreigners to our country. Some of them appreciate us, others take advantage of us. There are those who hate us and are jealous of our freedom. I am so thankful for our flag.

When we were in New Zealand, the proprietors of the motel where we were staying, hung an American Flag. That was so special. We were

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