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The RCCHS boys' cross-country team is currently ranked ninth in the state in the KTCCCA Class 2A pre-season poll. Senior Andrew Nelson and junior Brandon Cole are both ranked the top twenty in the state. Varsity, Middle and elementary team members include, from front row from left: Bill Burdett, Eliot Jackson, Andrew Nelson, Blake Parsons and Chandler Hunter. Back row from left: Brandon Cole, Andrew Nelson and Derrick Baker. Not pictured are Devin Davidson, Eric Roberts and Josh Blair.

RCCHS Girls' Cross-Country team ranked 6th in State; Boys' 9th

The RCCHS girls' cross-country team is ranked 6th in the state in Class 2A according to the KTCCCA pre-season rankings released recently. The RCCHS girls' team begins the season ranked 9th in the state in Class 2A. This marks the first time in RCCHS history that both teams begin the season ranked in the top ten. Individually, sophomore Kayla Hayes is ranked 4th in the state and sophomore Jessi Asher is ranked 15th. On the boys' side, senior Andrew Nelson and junior Brandon Cole are both ranked in the top twenty runners in the state.

The girls' team won their first regional championship in cross-country last season. They went on to place 7th in the Class 2A State Championships. With most of the team returning, the girls are looking to improve upon the success of last season. The boys' team is also looking to win their first-ever regional title after finishing a close third last season. The boys' team lost only one competitor from last season's team.

The elementary and middle school teams are continuously building and look to also improve upon last season's success. The elementary girls' team, in particular, will be seeking their first cross-country state championship. They finished as state runners-up at last season's state championship meet, losing by only two points. The boys' team is also seeking a shot at the title after placing in the top five two years ago.

This season, RCCHS has perhaps their most competitive schedule in the history of the cross-country program. Their first competition, hosted by Paul L. Dunbar High School, proved to be a fun and exciting challenge. Nearly the entire Rockcastle County Cross-Country team, including middle and elementary level runners, competed in the Bulldog HoKam Karan Meet, a relay formatted competition in which two-person teams compete against each other (one at a time) and pass a relay baton to their teammate. RCCHS fared very well in the competition, despite being the only team, not of Class 3A affiliation, to compete.

The girls' team placed 4th overall in the meet. The team of Kayla Hayes and Jessi Asher finished 4th overall with amazing performances from each girl. 8th grader Courtney Bullock and 3rd grader Michaela Hunter ran a spectacular relay race and finished 17th. The team of sophomore Elizabeth Russell and 5th grader Sara Hammond ran very well and placed 18th overall. 6th grader Kristin Baker and 5th grader Kristin Bullock ran an awesome race and finished 19th. Senior Anna Guilfoill and sophomore Ashley Bullock also ran very well and finished 21st overall.

The boys' team placed 5th overall. Andrew Nelson and Brandon Cole led the way for RCCHS with an outstanding finish of 6th place. Junior Bill Burdett and sophomore Derrick Baker ran extremely well and placed 16th. 6th grader Blake Parsons and Andrew Penzol ran well together and placed 28th overall.



Fourth grader Eric Roberts was the only competitor for the elementary boys' team. Eric ran a great race and finished eighth overall.

"Court"

(Cont. from front)

Cass said there were three residences on the road or property owned by Dick Arley plus his recently purchased home and that, fulfilled one requirement, for at least 60 residences on a road. Cass also said he had measured the road bed and found it to be about 35 feet wide which fulfilled another requirement for a 30 foot right of way. The road is approx. 500 feet long. Cass said.

Carloftis told Cass the county attorney's office would have to first determine the other owners of property on both sides of the road, along with those who actually owned the road bed, and attain deeds of easement. Then the fiscal court could vote on whether or not to accept the road bed maintenance. Carloftis also said that he did not know of the county ever not accepting a road into the county program if it met all requirements.

In other action, the court accepted the sheriff's tax settlement and approved the issuance of a Quinlan for 2002 taxes.

Heard the first reading of a hazardous materials ordinance from Howell Holbrook, director of emergency management for the county.

Approved an agreement with Bell County for housing their county prisoners.

Approved an interfund transfer, of up to \$50,000 from the fund used for the general fund.

Several Rockcastle County middle school and elementary runners competed this Saturday at the E. G. Plummer Invitational in Danville.

The elementary girls had a great meet and totally dominated the competition. 3rd grader Michaela Hunter led the way for Rockcastle, winning the meet with an awesome time of 8:15.68. 5th grader Sara Hammond, running in her first-ever elementary race, placed a close 2nd to Michaela with an excellent time of 8:18.85. 5th grader Kristin Bullock was also very close, finishing a spectacular race in 4th place overall with a time of 8:29.88. All three girls would have placed in the top six in the boys' elementary race.

The middle school team was led by 8th grader Courtney Bullock, who was also running her first cross-country race. Courtney ran an awesome race and finished in 4th place overall with a time of 13:41.64. 6th grader Kristin Baker ran very well and placed 6th overall in 13:43.74. 6th grader Cora Collinsworth, who has had very little opportunity to practice this season, ran prior and placed 10th overall in 14:30.82. With the addition of the elementary runners, Rockcastle's girls would have only won the middle school competition.

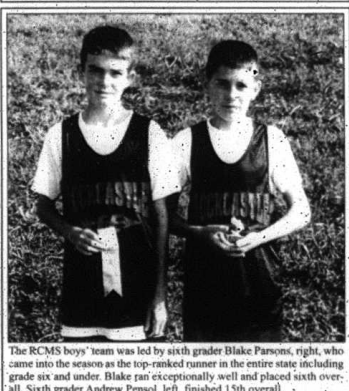
4th grader Eric Roberts was the only Rockcastle competitor in the elementary boys' race. Eric put forth a superb effort, placing 8th overall in 8:49.73.

The middle school boys were led by 6th grader Blake Parsons. Blake ran a spectacular race and finished 6th overall with a time of 12:31.43. 6th grader Andrew Penzol also ran a great race and placed 15th overall in 13:02.27.

RCCHS will next compete at the Boyle County Invitational on Thursday and at Somerset in the Southern Harrier Special this Saturday. Boyle County is the sight of this year's Class 2A Region IV Championships.



Third grade Michaela Hunter, at right, placed first overall in the elementary competition at the E.G. Plummer Invitational held at Danville. Fifth grader Sara Hammond, middle, finished second and fifth grader Kristin Bullock, left, placed fourth. All three girls would have placed in the top ten in the middle school race.



The RCCHS boys' team was led by sixth grader Blake Parsons, right, who came out the season as the top-ranked runner in the entire state including grade six and under. Blake ran exceptionally well and placed sixth overall. Sixth grader Andrew Penzol, left, finished 15th overall.



Eighth grader Courtney Bullock, left, led the way for RCCHS with a fourth place finish. Sixth grader Kristin Baker, right, placed sixth and sixth grader Cora Collinsworth, finished 10th overall.

"Volleyball"

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and Victoria Clontz, Holly Barnett and Ashley Cash all accounted for two service winners each.

Against Lincoln County Monday night, the freshmen Rockets wasted little time taking care of business, winning both games by a score of 21-7.

In that match, Clontz served up 11 winners, with nine aces. Owens added eight aces in ten service winning both games. There were three and one; McKinney got two winners, with one ace and Kayla Bishop accounted for a service winner.

"School"

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are transportation and facilities operation and management, which totals \$2.5 million dollars.

In the last 15 years the local school system has built new schools at Mt. Vernon Elementary, the Rockcastle County High School, Brodhead Elementary and completed major additions and renovations at Roundstone and the Rockcastle County Middle School.

This year's school budget is the largest ever for any school year in Rockcastle County history.

"Willalla"

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9 a.m. Horse and Wagon Ride (leaving from Willalla grocery, 758-4844)

10 a.m. Horseshoe Tournament (Eugene Brown 305-4204)

11 a.m. ATV ride (David and Rose Debord Farm, 758-4844)

1 p.m. Dinner

2 p.m. Pie and Dessert Auction

Please bring your own chairs. There will be games for children throughout the day. Door prizes will be given out, beginning at 10:00 a.m. and continuing through the afternoon. Please bring a covered dish to share for dinner. Metal, drinks and table settings will be provided.

Proceeds from the pie and dessert auction will be used toward building an all-purpose building at Quail Park.

The game finally ended! By the time we got back home, there was about a foot of snow or more. I was frozen through and through and I couldn't even tell who you won the game. I couldn't believe I paid twenty-five dollars for all this! That was my first and last pro game.

In the future, I'll enjoy my gridiron games from the comforts of home, or attend local games in good weather. At least, you can leave when you want. Everything considered, I'm glad to be back near my roots. The mountains of Kentucky are just as splendid as New England in their own way, the people are friendly, and they always have something good cooking on the back burner. Besides, you can travel the country over, but you have to go to Rockcastle County to get a piece of "The Rock".

"Points East"

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rifles and shotgun that they, let us, younger kids borrow to hunt with in the 50's and 60's and over the years they've been thrown back in closets, put out in the garage, or stuck in attics. Over the last 30 years I have rescued a few old guns, but I'm not a gunsmith. I live working on stocks and restoring them to beauty because most old gun stocks are remarkably wonderful pieces of wood.

Jenny getting the dirt daubers' nests out of a barrel and like that and refinishing a gun to a state of perfection such that the owner would be

embarrassed to let it deteriorate again, but I can only do three or four a year and if things like a firing pin needs replacing or any springs are broken, I can't do it at all, and to be perfectly honest, I have my hands full and I'm not looking for business.

My friend, Budd Garstein, however, lives in the little Laurel County community of Lily, Kentucky just outside London. He is the most passionate gunsmith I've ever known and all he does, when he isn't sleeping, is work on guns or think about working on them. I love him so well because he does not think about firearms as weapons or killing devices nearly as much as he thinks about them as works of art combined with mechanical and engineering perfection.

Budd is a Federally Licensed Firearms dealer and if you call him up he can recite the part numbers to about any gun ever made in this country or abroad and he can refurbish a gun to its original luster and hue in a matter of a few days that might take me or other novices three or four months. If he can't find the part that keeps your old gun from cooking or firing, or otherwise functioning properly, he sits down and makes the part himself.

At his shop, Budd regularly refurbishes or repairs sophisticated military and police rifles and side-arms for law enforcement agencies and converts old rifles from all over the world into modern hunting guns. But his real love is an old rusted-down, beat-up, single-shot or side-by-side double barrel Winchester, Iver Johnson, Remington, H&B, Ithaca, Smith or whatever, old 22's rifle; old powder-fired musket or rifle or

piglets that need to be rescued before they rust and rot into obscurity.

I'm of the opinion that Uncle Steve's and all my other old guns are sitting away somewhere and they ought to be restored and handed down to a new generation of hunters—or they ought to be restored and given to museums or retained in mint condition as family heirlooms. I know for sure that Budd can make them look and function like new including refinishing stocks, bluing the barrels and metal and that he'll do it at prices that leave you owning a firearm worth far, far more than it cost you to restore it.

If you want to really treat your teenage son with something important at Christmas this year, pull out Grandpa's or Great Grandpa's old gun from the basement or attic or closet and have Budd restore it to like new for you.

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