

Cross Country

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8-44.50.

Brandon Cole had an awesome performance for the RCHS boys' team which placed 8th overall. Brandon eclipsed the all-time 5,000-meter record established by teammate Andrew Nelson just a few weeks ago. Brandon finished 4th overall with an amazing race and a new record time of 17:09.25. Brandon now ranks 19th in the state in Class 2A. Bill Burden also had his best race ever. Bill finished 19th overall with an awesome new personal best time of 18:06.52. Andrew Nelson ran a hard-fought race, despite not feeling well, and finished 30th overall in 19:46.55. Andrew is currently ranked 20th in the state in Class 2A. Derrick Baker ran very well and finished in 57th place overall with a respectable effort of 20:30.13. Chandler Houtman rounded out the top five with a 52nd place finish in a new personal best time of 24:31.88.

The RCHS girls' team had a great meet and finished fourth overall. They're currently ranked 8th in the state, just ahead of 9th ranked Lexington Catholic and just behind 7th ranked Boyle County. Kayla Hayes had her best performance of the season. She finished 3rd overall in a very impressive 20:17.7. She now ranks 7th in the state in Class 2A. Jessi Asher also had her best race of the year and one of the top performances of her career. Asher finished 5th overall with a new personal best time of 22:00.0. 3rd grader Mella Hunter ran an awesome race and finished 25th overall in 22:51.37. Courtney Bullock ran an unbelievable race, finishing 37th overall in 24:25.79, despite still recovering from an illness. Elizabeth Russell ran well, battling through a lingering illness, to finish 49th overall in 25:40.53. Anna Guilford ran her best race ever. She finished 50th overall in an impressive 25:52.42. Ashley Bullock ran in the junior varsity race. She finished a great race in 8th place overall with an exceptional time of 26:36.90.

RCHS will compete in the Class 2A Region IV Championship this Saturday at Millennium Park in Boyle County. RCHS hopes to qualify for a state in a region loaded with talent. The region is comprised of three of the state's top ten girls' teams and two of the state's top ten boys' teams. The girls' race begins at 10:00 followed by the boys' race at 11:00.

"Bush"

From Front

Marian Davis, chairman of the Laurel County Republican Party said London was targeted for the visit because "we're just right in the heart of the old Fifth District, we're primarily Republicans and we have accessibility to the airport and the interstate. London's easy to get to."

The President's stop in the heart of Republican territory is intended to energize voters and encourage them to

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to cast a ballot in the Tuesday, Nov. 4th general election.

"It's to inspire people to go vote - and that's critical to this campaign," said Davis, noting that polls show Fletcher with a slim lead over Chandler.

If registered voters take this election for granted, the Republicans will lose their best chance in many years to reclaim the state's top post.

"Our voter turnout has been really low. This will bring people out of the house and get them involved," said Davis. "The timing is very critical. People are certainly going to be pumped up about the President coming to Laurel County. If the President of the United States can't get people inspired to go vote, can't he?"

A large portion of this story was taken from The Sentinel-Expo.

Agricultural News

By Wanda Alexander, USA Daily

Sign-up for 2004 Direct and Counter-Cyclical Program

Warden Alexander, County Executive Director of Rockcastle County Farm Service Agency, informs producers that enrollment for the 2004 Direct and Counter-Cyclical program (DCCP) began October 1, 2003, beginning the second year of successful implementation of the 2002 Farm Bill.

Producers must sign contracts annually under the DCCP, which is a change from Production Flexibility Contract requirements under previous farm legislation.

Producers have until June 1, 2004 to enroll for the 2004 DCCP. Late fee applications will be accepted through September 30, 2004, if accompanied by a \$100 late fee. Producers may opt out of participating in the program any year if they choose. For both the 2002 and 2003 years, more than 98 percent of the eligible base was enrolled.

The 2002 Farm Bill authorizes direct and counter-cyclical payments to enrolled producers. Both payments are computed, using the base acres and payment yields established for each farm. Producers receive direct payments at rates established by statute regardless of market prices. Counter-cyclical payment rates, on the other hand, vary depending on market prices. Counter-cyclical payments are issued only when the effective price (which takes into account the direct payment rate, market price and loan rate) for a crop is below the target price for the commodity. For "other" crops, because the existing loan rate, the minimum counter-cyclical payment rate is zero.

The following is the schedule of payments for the 2004 DCCP:

-Beginning December, 2003 - 50 percent advance direct payment.

-October 2004 - 50 percent final direct payment.

-October 2004 - first advance counter-cyclical payment (up to 35 percent of projected payment).

-February 2005 - second advance counter-cyclical payment (up to 70% of project payment less first advance).

-Dates vary by crop. In general, 30 days following the end of the marketing year. Final counter-cyclical payment (100 percent of actual payment, less any advances received).

2004 Burley Tobacco Penalty Rate
The US Department of Agriculture announced the penalty rates that will be charged producers, dealers, receiving station officials and ware-

"Ruling"

From Front

of the legislature and is thereby transformed from implementer of the law into jester of the law."

Justices also said the amendment violated a requirement that bans changing pay of public officers during terms for which they were elected.

Supreme Court Chief Justice Joseph Lambert, of Mt. Vernon, who is chairman of the Judicial Form Retirement System Board, did not hear the case.

Ed Worley of Richmond currently represents Rockcastle County in the state senate after redistricting took place two years ago.

house operators for marketing excess tobacco during the 2003-2004 marketing year.

Section 314 of the Agricultural Adjustment Act of 1938, as amended, requires that USDA collect these penalties. The penalty rate is 75 percent of the average market price for that kind of tobacco for the previous marketing year. This statutory provision applies to every kind of tobacco subject to marketing quotas. When the average market prices for each kind of tobacco are determined and announced, the penalty rates are then calculated.

For the 2003-2004 Marketing Year Burley Tobacco (type 311) rate of penalty is \$1.48 per pound.

2003 Burley Tobacco Grade Loan Rates

The US Department of Agriculture Commodity Credit Corporation (CCC) has announced grade loan rates for the 2003 crop of burley tobacco, based on the price support level of \$1.849 per pound.

The 2003 crop grade loan rates range from \$0.85 to \$2.08 per pound for the 2003 crop. For the 2003 crop, the price support was \$1.835 per pound and the loan rates ranged from \$0.85 to \$2.08 per pound. The Burley Tobacco Growers Cooperative Association and the Burley Stabilization Corporation will deduct one cent per pound from the grade loan rates for administrative overhead costs.

-CCC will not provide loans on burley tobacco graded nondescript second quality light to medium color (N2L), nondescript second quality medium to dark color (N2S), nondescript second quality crude green (N2G), no grade (No-G), doubtful keeping order (W) and unsound (C) or scrap.

Burley Tobacco Opening/Delivery Dates Announced

Burley auction warehouses are scheduled to begin opening on November 17, 2003.

Opening date for Burley auctions has been set for the following Monday after the first receiving station opens or no later than November 17, 2003.

The Christmas holiday recess will begin after auction sales on December 18, 2003 and will resume January 5, 2004.

Philip Morris has announced their opening date as November 12, 2003 with the Thanksgiving break as November 26, 2003. Philip Morris will begin receiving again December 1, 2003.

The Christmas break for Philip Morris will be December 19, 2003 close of business and will resume January 5, 2004.

Closing date for Philip Morris contract sales at this time has not been set.

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Extension Office classes

A free class entitled Social Serrv will be held at 10:00 am on October 30, at the Extension Office. A free class on Quick Holiday Entrees will follow at 11:30. Classes are open to everyone. Call 256-2403 for details.

A Holiday Workshop will be held on November 3 at 9:00 am at the Extension Office. A Snowman Glass Centerpiece and a Kitchen Towel Angels will be taught. Call 256-2403 to register and for a list of supplies.

On November 6, 9:00-11:00 am, a Painted Gourd class will be taught by Gloria Robinson. Call 256-2403 for details.

The annual Holiday Cooking School sponsored by the Extension Office will be held on November 11, 5:00-8:00 pm, at the Corbin Civic Center. Tickets are \$5 and may be purchased at the Extension Office. Limited availability. Call 256-2403 for details.

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