

Open House at Great Saltpetre Cave Preserve

Great Saltpetre Cave Preserve will hold its annual Open House on Saturday and Sunday May 18 & 19, 2013 from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm each day. Guided tours of the Cave are given by members of the Greater Cincinnati Grotto, the Blue Grass Grotto and the Dayton Underground Grotto all weekend. Admission is free

but donations are always appreciated.

There will be free soup beans and cornbread at the Shelter. Livingston Fire Department will be grilling up and selling their hamburgers and hotdogs along the Creek. You can sit in the shade of the trees or under the shelter. Wander down the creek to the living history

tory encampment and visit with the folks portraying life on the frontier.

Great Saltpetre Cave Preserve (GSP) is a 306 acre Karst Preserve along Crooked Creek near Mt. Vernon, Kentucky that contains the primary entrance to Great Saltpetre Cave. It has long been a landmark in the community as a primary site for the production of saltpeter between 1801 and 1815. Later between 1938 and 1985 it was operated as a commercial cave and occasionally as a site for the Renfro Valley Barn Dances. The Great Saltpetre Cave Preserve is closed to the general public. Nonetheless, the Preserve is open to visitors annually during the weekend after Mother's Day. In conjunction with Greater Cincinnati Grotto, GSP has been hosting school field trips in the Spring and Fall to help local teachers bring the elementary science curriculum to life.

GSP is owned by Rockcastle Karst Conservancy, a 501(c)(3) non-profit, local volunteer organization dedicated to protecting Kentucky's karst environments and supporting access to caves in the Rockcastle County Region. RKC's goal is to become the leading non-profit organization in owning and protecting significant cave and karst resources. RKC manages each cave resource to support continuing enjoyment by the community through wise stewardship and ownership. For more information about Rockcastle Karst Conservancy, please visit www.rkci.org.

Directions:

Take I-75 to Exit 59 (Mt Vernon/Livingston). Turn east on Route 25, turn left onto Route 1004, then continue on Route 1004 till it comes to a "T" (Just past tracks and cement bridge). Turn right and continue to Great Saltpetre Preserve, approximately 9 miles from the interstate highway.

More information about the Preserve is available at www.caves.org/conservancy/gsp/.

Relay for Life to host Cancer Survivor Dinner

Cancer Survivors: in honor of your battle against cancer, the 2013 Relay For Life of Rockcastle County would like to extend to you a special invitation to participate in our Survivor Dinner. You are a personal testimony of the progress we're making in our fight to eradicate cancer.

Please join us May 17th, at 5:30 p.m. at Rockcastle County High School for a dinner in your honor.

Food and entertainment will be provided by Roundstone Baptist Church.

Each Survivor is entitled to bring one guest to the Survivor Dinner. There is no cost for you or your guest to attend this Survivor Celebration!

After the dinner, we invite you to come to Rockcastle Middle School track for Relay for Life Survivor Ceremony at 7 p.m.

In 2012, we celebrated with 79 survivors. This year we hope to celebrate 100 survivors in recognition of the 100th birthday of the American Cancer Society.

Please call Melissa Brock at 256-7703 or Arielle Reese at 256-7880 to register.

Wildflower Walk at Camp Wildcat is this Saturday

The Appalachian Photographic Society, along with the Camp Wildcat Preservation Foundation, will host a Wildflower Walk on Saturday, May 4th, beginning at 10 a.m.

The Walk will include wildflower identification, along with photo opportunities.

The battlefield contains many wildflowers, as well as many other natural features. As wildflowers are identified, members of the Appalachian Photographic Society will be available to advise how best to photograph the flowers and other features. A cash prize will be given for first, second and third place pictures, as determined by a panel of three judges. First place prize winner last year was Ms. Heather Partin of Barbourville.

According to John Strojjan, president of the Camp Wildcat Preservation fund, the program will end sometime in the early afternoon. Refreshments will be available at no cost and there is no entry fee.

Connie Taylor will begin the tour. He is a wildflower expert, a very experienced photographer and a plant folklore columnist for the London *Sentinel Echo* newspaper.

Bring your camera, on Saturday, May 4th, and come to the Camp Wildcat Battlefield on top of Wildcat Mountain and join in the fun. You will possibly learn some new photographic techniques and possibly a cash prize.

The Battlefield is located about 10 miles north of London on US 25 via the Hazel Patch Road, or off I-75 at exit 49 and follow the signs.

For more information, call Maxine Cass at 606-864-9776.

Local students advance at FBLA Competition

Submitted by
Hannah McClure,
Reporter

Six students advanced to FBLA State competition in Louisville, from the Region 6 competition. During the EKU competition, Brad Taylor placed 1st in Business Law, Austin Brown placed 2nd in Business Math, Celine Potter and Kennedy Convery competed together to place 1st in Digital Design, and Ashley McCoy and Gabby Miller placed 1st in Web Design. Advisors Vicky Castle, Ashley Mullins and members of the 2012-2013 FBLA chapter would like to

congratulate Ashley and Gabby for placing 4th in their state competition, as well as other dedicated members who put forth their best effort during the year to achieve many goals. Rockcastle FBLA was also recognized at the state leadership conference during the awards ceremony for several chapter awards+. Members worked together throughout the year to achieve awards for the Commonwealth Award of merit, the Reporter's Quill, Unite to Read Project, State FBLA Project, and the Achievement of FBLA Goals.



Gabby Miller and Ashley McCoy at the Galt House in Louisville.

RCBS Band presents: "A Night At The Movies" for fundraiser concert

The RCBS Concert Band is preparing for their latest concert that features tunes from some of Hollywood and Broadway's biggest blockbusters.

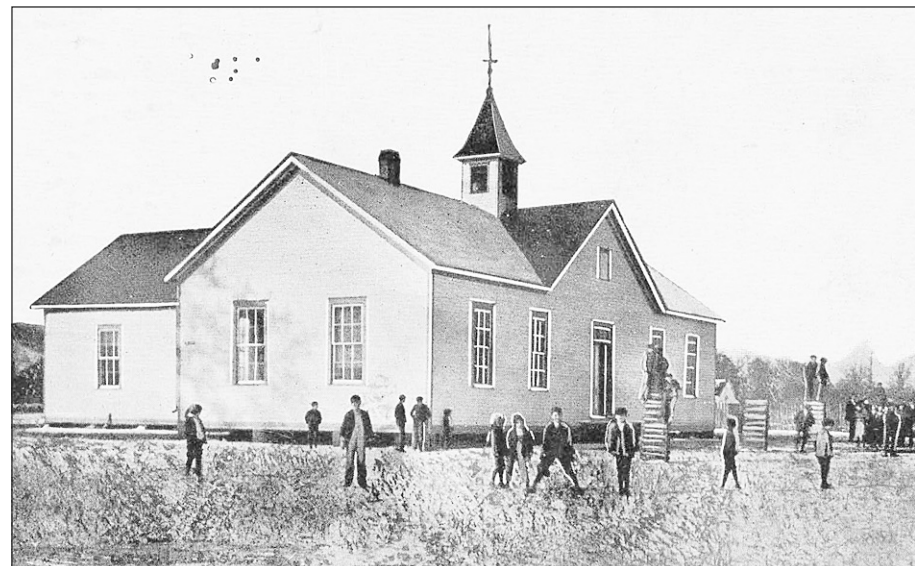
Students have been working on music from Phantom of the Opera, Pirates of the Caribbean, Star Wars, Les Miserables, and Twilight. The students are dressing in character costumes for the performance and have worked on creating ideas for the concert that will enhance the listeners entertainment experience including a slideshow and special effects.

The RCBS Band would like to invite everyone to attend the concert on Tuesday, May 7th at 7 p.m. in the RCBS Auditorium, admission is \$3.00.



Blast from the Past!!!

This week's photographs are of the three original county graded and high schools. The top photo is of the Mt. Vernon Collegiate Institute also known as the Brown Memorial School. The middle photo is of the Brodhead School and the bottom is of the Livingston Academy. These photos are from the forthcoming book, "Before Consolidation-The Golden Age of Rockcastle County Basketball." If you have a photo for Blast from the Past contact David Owens at 606-256-9870 or scoopowens24@yahoo.com.



HOW DO I SIGN UP FOR SOCCER?

BRING or MAIL REGISTRATION FORM & FEE TO:

First Baptist Church of Mt. Vernon
340 West Main Street (Drop Off)
PO Box 639 (Mailing)
Mt. Vernon, KY 40456

Parents may pickup their registration form at the church office anytime between 8:00 am and noon and 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm, Monday -Friday.

REGISTRATION INFORMATION:

The registration cost per child for soccer is \$60.
Soccer shorts are optional at an additional cost of \$15.
\$20 late fee, after July 26

EVALUATIONS:

Every child **MUST** attend one soccer evaluation.
For students entering Kindergarten through 8th grades fall 2013
Evaluations will take place at First Baptist Church Mt. Vernon as follows:

Saturday, May 4th, 10am – noon
Tuesday, May 14th, 6-8pm
Thursday, May 30th, 6-8pm

LEAGUE SCHEDULE:

Practices begin – Monday, July 29, 2013
First game – Saturday, August 10, 2013
Awards night – Saturday, October 12, 2013

FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL:

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