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Donation given in honor of Scott King

BY AMY CLARK

This past fall marked a year since the traffic accident that took the life of former RCHS student Scott King.

King had been a member of the band for four years, and when his former bandmates heard what happened, they took action.

The RCHS band set up a table during lunch and took donations for three days. The \$200 they collected was sent to King's mother, Renee Arthor, to be used as needed.

However, the money was never used.

According to junior band student Cassie Smith, Ms. Arthor knew how much he loved band and how much it meant to him, so this year she donated the money back to the band in remembrance of Scott.

So far, the band is undecided on what the money will be used for in the future.

"I think it's a very nice and generous thing she has done," said band instructor Greg Daugherty.

Closing day, summer trips in question

BY LINDSEY PARSONS

Ahhh, the joys of a snow day. Sleeping 'til noon, laying on the couch all day, and worrying about nothing in the world make us long for those flakes to start falling. But, when too many snowflakes fall (or the black-ice forms), school in Rockcastle County is cancelled for weeks at a time.

The snow days are great for awhile—until you realize that those days will be made up during the warm summer months. And, with all the days we've missed this year (possibly more to come, too), who knows when closing day will be.

As of now, our last day of school is June 1, and that is if we attend on Memorial Day. If not, our closing day will be June 4. The date gets closer and closer to the dates of various summer trips that organizations throughout our school will be taking as well as vacations planned by families.

On June 11 the French Club will leave on a trip to Paris that they have been planning for four years. Nine seniors are going on the trip, and, with the date of graduation in question right now because of the possibility of more snow, these seniors may have to decide between



photo by S. Norton

Snow blanketed Rockcastle County for much of December and January, causing students to miss over ten days of school this year. So far, February, which is usually considered the worst month for snow, has been snow-free.

the Eiffel Tower or a cap and gown before it's all over.

Also leaving on June 11 for a trip across borders are members of the Spanish Honorary Club who will visit Mexico.

The Y-Club and ROTC will be making trips this summer as well. The date for the Y-Club's Service to the South, a 10-day mission trip to five southern United States cities, is tentative. It could

either be in June or August. Member Stephen Hopkins, senior, explained that "the Executive Direc-

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Public school equals empty pockets

Class rings, letterman jackets, clubs: add up

BY SHANA NOE & CASSIE SMITH

The average junior class ring costs \$200. To buy an annual every year is \$120. Club dues, lunch prices, senior pictures—it all adds up over the course of your years in high school, but can you guess how much?

"Seriously?" I have no idea, said Jeremiah Myers, a senior.

A student can expect to spend an estimated \$6,000-\$8,000. And you thought public education was free.

Teenagers often complain of being broke. Though most people put it off as whining, it's usually the truth. School consumes a lot of hard earned money, and teenagers, as well as parents, know this all too well.

From conception to the age of 18, it costs an estimated \$250,000 to raise a child. Imagine how much of that is spent during the 13 years you attend school.

Let's face it. School is expensive. Your freshman year, you will spend around \$1000. The price continues to rise throughout the duration of high school.

As a sophomore, you'll spend close to \$1190 and your junior year will skyrocket to an estimated \$2000. And after you've paid for class rings and letterman jackets, your senior year drops back down to almost \$1300. That brings a total estimate of around \$6000.

"Oh, my word!" was the response from Bridgette Lear, a sophomore, when she imagined the hefty sum.

It's no lie that in the real world, education pays. Frankly, this is

music to our ears because being a teenager always has its ups and

downs, and usually it's in our checking accounts.

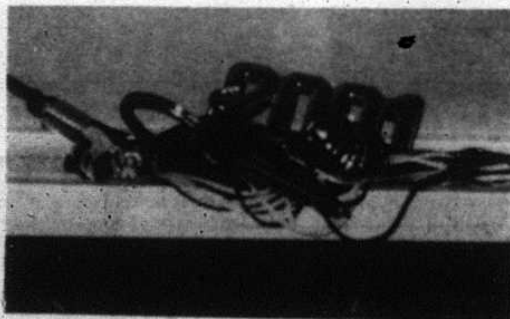


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Class rings, car payments and insurance, and graduation costs, and a variety of other items bring the cost of being a teenager up to over \$8,000 for many high school students.

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