

JROTC is program that RCHS can be proud of



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A couple of weeks ago, my wife Cindy and I attended the Rockcastle County High School's JROTC Military Ball.

As I have said many times before, the JROTC program at RCHS is something the school and entire community should be proud of.

A lot of hard work goes into helping develop these young men and women and I think any person who has a child go through that program should be thankful.

Sgt. Major Keith Taylor and his wife Jenny have been there from the beginning and the results of their hard work are obvious.

One of my pet peeves (and there are a lot of them) is when children, students and sometimes adults, do not act properly during the playing of

the national anthem. Sometimes the disrespect boggles the mind. I guarantee that none of the members of the JROTC would ever act in such a manner. It is obvious they respect their country, their superiors and everything the flag stands for. They are certainly a great group of students.

Last week the Mt. Vernon City Council did something they should have done a long time ago.

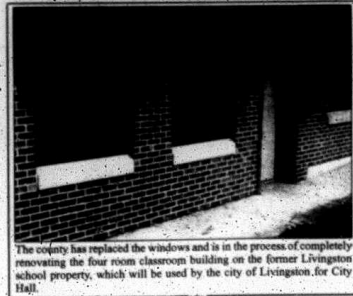
They approved a large pay increase for the Mayor.

The Mayor's job at Mt. Vernon is a very important one.

The days of one public servant are long gone. People expect to be paid for their efforts and it takes a huge effort to run the city of Mt. Vernon.

There are 28 employees and a budget that exceeds \$2 million. There is also the job of fielding all of the complaints from citizens. \$36,000 per year is a fair salary.

Last week we also made a typographical error in a political ad for Gary Linville. With the volume of work that takes place there are going to be mistakes. We apologize for the error.



The county has replaced the windows and is in the process of completely renovating the four room classroom building on the former Livingston school property, which will be used by the city of Livingston for City Hall.

"School"

(Cont. from front)

Schools into the Rockcastle County High School in 1972.

Both the \$40,000 and \$100,000 state grants, which have been used by Daniel Boone and the County, were obtained by State Representative Danny Ford of Mt. Vernon.

Tenant can be evicted for drugs

Rockcastle County Attorney Jeff Burdette has notified local law enforcement officials of a recent United States Supreme Court Decision upholding the rights of landlords to evict persons involved with narcotics. In his letter, Burdette requests law enforcement to notify landlords if any tenants, or their tenants, or their tenants' guests are involved in a narcotic related activities.

Burdette's letter suggests that "landlords may evict families if any family member or guest is involved in narcotics," according to the lease language.

"It is our duty to keep the landlords apprised of their tenants' unlawful activities, or their guests' unlawful activities, so they might take the

appropriate action of eviction. Some of our public housing situation are becoming "hot beds" of criminal wrong doing, and the Supreme Court has sided with the rights of cleaning it up," Burdette's letter stated.

The Supreme Court has strengthened the hard line against drugs by recently affirming rules that allow evictions of families from public housing when family members or their guests are involved in illegal drug activity. Congress had already enacted provisions to allow these types of evictions; however the laws had been challenged, which ultimately led the case to the Supreme Court. The court found that these aggressive eviction policies were reasonable, and upheld the laws.

Place of entertainment must have permit

Local Law Enforcement has statutory authority to close places of entertainment, if those places of business fail to have state mandated per-

mit, according to County Attorney Jeff Burdette.

KRS 211.020 state that, "No place of entertainment shall be operated outside the corporate limits of a city unless its owner or manager has a permit, issued to them by the County Judge/Executive in the county, in which the place of entertainment is located, granting to him the privilege to operate the place of entertainment in that county."

This includes, but is not limited to, pool/billiards, music, dancing, pinball or even exercise and weightlifting, according to the County Attorney's office. "Even though these provisions have not been frequently enforced, the potential exists and law enforcement may enter those businesses, shut them down and the courts can impose stiff fines and jail sentences. It appears this is beginning to occur and business owners should now make sure their permits are up to date," Burdette said.

The permitting process is relatively simple and requires the completion of an application at the County Clerk's office, an investigation of the applicant's background, and a hearing before the County Judge who ultimately decides to grant or deny the permit. Anyone who desires to oppose the granting of a permit must do so in writing to the County Judge, and then must appear at the hearing to oppose it in person.

The County Judge must exercise his reasonable discretion, taking into consideration all relevant facts and evidence which reasonably relate to the issuing of the permit, bearing in mind that the public interest must be carefully weighed in the process. According to opinions of the Attorney General, state law plainly states that no permit shall be issued to a person who is not of a good moral character, or who will not, in the judgement of the court, obey the law of the state in carrying on the business. Finally, the County Judge shall fix reasonable hours of operation, for places of entertainment throughout the county.



Sweet and Sour

By Zi Graves

Early Morning Thoughts

By Zi Graves

Mornings are the only time one can watch the sun come up and know all of it with the world. A new day has just been born and it's up to us to decide if we will make it a good and profitable one or waste it on dreaming of other days long gone by. To day those dreams could well be of me and Katie talking about time when things were quite different. Of days before sickness and death entered our lives and in one short year reduced our family of nine siblings to four.

I was visiting with Katie, my baby sister, shortly before her death April 29, 1998. While waiting for her to get up one morning, I was sitting alone at the kitchen table where we always sat and had our morning coffee and chat. It was at this table we played games or talked till the wee small hours of the morning of our past and present lives. Now she knew about the cancer eating her life away so I was there at her request for she knew her time was short and wanted to share what time was left with me. We had always shared times of trouble as well as good times. I was with her when her only child was born, and when her husband, John, died. She was with me during Matt's final illness. She and her family spent Christmases with us on the farm and I spent family reunions at her house in Loveland, Ohio. While sitting here alone with a heavy heart, I began wondering about how many more days she would be with us. This brought another train of thought to mind as over the tree top I saw the sun begin to rise, orbiting around the earth. It lifted my spirits as it did so, for it was then I knew all things pass but the sun never fails us even when there are clouds that darken the sky. So here is what I scribbled down as I sat there.

The sun comes up every morning, whether we see it or not, it is there. There may be clouds to black they cover its face to those searching for it. But, somewhere beyond the storm clouds, the sun is shining, in all its glory.

The sun orbits the earth daily, giving forth its heat, light and nourishment to promote growth and healing to every living thing on earth, regardless of species, color, faith or origin of birth. Whether to not we can see the bright beams seeking for a break in the clouds or feel the warmth from an early morning ray till it finds the opening in the clouds and then suddenly a bright warm arm of sunshine is touching your shoulder proving beyond a doubt it is there. When the clouds part, a bright ray of sunshine will flash on the window and the weeping clouds, having finished their task of refreshing the earth with it's

shower will disappear behind the distant hills, but it is still there.

The sun sets every evening in the western sky, whether any, or all of us can witness the exquisite beauty of its flaming gold night light to a weary world or not. The day has slipped into eternity. It goes to rest, we know not where, but of one thing we can be sure, IT WILL RISE AGAIN WHEN MORNING COMES.

This is a rerun of a previous chapter in my life. Katie died two weeks later and left a vacant spot in my life no one else can ever fill. Two year later, my brother John went to his reward, leaving another empty space. My younger brother, Herb, and I are the last of the family.

SWEET AND SOUR OLD AGE

God grant me the serenity to forget the people I never liked, the future to run into them that I do, and the eyesight to tell the difference.

Now that I'm older (but refuse to grow up), here's what I've discovered.

1. I started with nothing, and I still have most of it.
2. My wild oats have turned into prune juice and all-bran.
3. I finally got my head together, now my body is falling apart.
4. Funny, I don't remember being absentminded.
5. All reports are in, life is now officially unfair.
6. If it is not lost, where is it?
7. It is easier to get older, then it is to get wiser.
8. Some days you're the dog, some days you're the hydrant.
9. I washed the truck stopped here. I sure could use a few.
10. Kids in the back seat cause accidents.
11. Accidents in the back seat cause kids.
12. It's hard to make a comeback when you haven't been anywhere.
13. The only time the world makes a path to your door is when you're in the bathroom.
14. If God had wanted me to touch my toes, He would have put them on my knees.
15. It is not heard to meet expenses - they're everywhere.
16. The only difference between a nut and a grave is the depth.
17. These days, I spend a lot of time thinking about the hereafter. I go somewhere to get something and then wonder what I'm there after.
18. Now can you please tell me who I am to mail this to.



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