

Reppert Reunion held

The 22nd Annual Reppert Reunion was held June 9th, in Berea, in honor of our parents, the late Eugene and Liddie Catherine Mullins Reppert.

Three of the five living children were present for the occasion, Anna Lee Chastain, Ruth Gittliff and Myrtle Wilson. Our youngest sister, Dorothy, wasn't able to attend, but wanted to so badly.

Our largest attendance in the 22 years was in 1986 when the attendance was 111. This time we had 55. Several of our family have died since 1981. Our brother, Tim, recently passed away March 13, 2002. He

loved our reunions so much and we sure missed him. He and his family are dearly loved by his relatives and many friends.

The good Lord willing our next reunion will be the second Sunday in June, 2003 at the same location. Hope we are all living and able to attend.

So, I'd like to say to my brother and three sisters and all my family and relatives, "I love you and wish you the very best of blessings." Hope to meet you all in Heaven some day.

Your sister & friend,
Anna Lee Chastain

Rickels Reunion held

Submitted by
Ann Rickels Whitaker
The Rickels reunion was held on June 29th at the home of Glena and J.P. Smith in Eubank.

There were 84 present, including all nine of Mabel's children: Ray, Jr. from Columbus, Ohio; Gene and Pam from Granville, Ohio; Midge from Mt. Vernon; Rodger from Delton Springs, Florida; Ann from Custer, Glena and J.P. from Eubank; Doug and Jeanette from Middleburg, Florida; Jane and Bill from Custer and Jimmy and Candy from Mt. Vernon. There were also 31 grandchildren, 28 great grandchildren and 15 of all the New family and friends that dropped by or came with others.

We appreciate Sammy Ford for his help and for all the food that was prepared. A good time was had by all. Games were played, including horseshoes, volleyball and small kids games. We also had about six dogs brought and enjoyed. We are happy to say that there were some ex-family members that came and that means so much to us to know they still love us to want to join in our reunion.

We really missed our sister-in-law, Hazel, Ray's wife. She's like a sister to all of us. She needs our prayers and anyone out there that reads this. Thanks to everyone who came by. See you next year.



Rockcastle children celebrated the 4th at Berea Festivities. Pictured are, back row, Rebecca Barron, Bethany Clontz, Heather Clontz and Richard Barron. Front row is world renown master sand sculpture artist Damon Farmer and Serena Sowder. Damon creates sand sculptures at locations all over the world, recently returning from competitions in France and Italy. His France sculpture depicting "Twenty Thousand Leagues Under the Sea" won first place. He is the former world champion, North American champion and American champion. Damon, a Berea native and a Berea College alumna, has created sculptures at the Berea 4th of July celebration for the past few years. This year's creation was a sand castle with resemblances to the "Castle" he sculptured for a corporate party in Miami in 2001 and pictured in his annual calendar of prior year's work. Damon's Shadette Studio in Woodford County on the Kentucky River is where he paints, creates award winning animation, does computer graphics, designs museum displays and theatrical sets. He is well known in Lexington for creating "StoneWall", one of the artistic homes that was displayed and sold in that city during 2001. Damon's sand creations, along with samples of other art, may be seen online at shadettestudio.com.



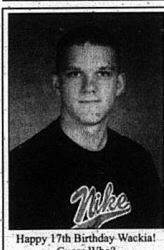
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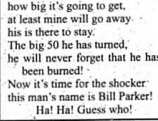
Happy 22nd Birthday Tim!
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Bridgette, Jessie, Brittany, Lisa and Tesla



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Happy 17th Birthday Wackal! Guess Who?



Happy Birthday Toddy Baby! Love - Momma

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Mt. Vernon Personals

By Marie McKinney

Recent visitors of C.S. and Marie McKinney were their son, Mr. and Mrs. Jack McKinney of Reading, Ohio; their daughter, Mrs. Sharon Lovins and grandsons, Jack Lovins and great granddaughter, Samarah. Mr. and Mrs. Joe Lovins, Jr. and great grandson, Dalton Blake of Eubank, and Mrs. Jim Lovins of Berea and C.S.'s nephew, Davey McKinney of Indiana and Marie's nephew, Clinton Graves of Wichita, Kansas and Mr. and Mrs. Boyd Graves of Ohio.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Sowder of Ohio visited Don's mother, Mrs. Bessie Kirby last weekend.

Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Sowder of Ohio visited Wanda's mother, Mrs. Pansey Nickey, who is in the Rockcastle Health and Rehab Center at Brohead recently.

Mr. and Mrs. C.S. McKinney visited their grandson, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Lovins, Jr. and great grandson, Dalton Blake last Sunday morning. Floyd and Myrtle Kirby and C.S. and Marie McKinney and their son, Mr. and Mrs. Jack McKinney of Reading, Ohio and Clinton Graves of Wichita, Kansas had breakfast at Hardee's together last Saturday morning.

Mrs. Alda Kirby and daughter, Barbara of Indiana spent last weekend with Bessie Kirby.

Our deepest sympathies are extended to all who have lost loved ones recently. May God bless everyone.

Mr. and Mrs. C.S. McKinney visited Mr. and Mrs. James McClure awhile Sunday morning.

Mrs. Bessie Kirby is still improving. We wish her a speedy recovery.

Yards to Paradise

By: Max Phelps

Landscape with Exotic Edibles

It's more about thinking outside the box to landscape with unusual fruiting plants, though the bonus of food is the obvious benefit to growing edibles in the landscape.

To be a homeowner whose yard looks just as lovely and neat as the others on the street, but to use uncommon plants is what we're talking about. And for those who prefer a more naturalistic "out in the forest" look even in the city yard, there are so many planting possibilities that call for replacing areas of lawn with plants and other outdoor living amenities. In the following paragraphs let's look at things we can grow and eat right in our yards...exotic things we may never have considered, each of which can be a landscape asset while planning part of an overall landscaping theme.

I've chosen to begin with landscape edibles that start with the first letter of the alphabet.

Aronia (chokeberry), asparagus, autumn olive (eleagnus), and avocado are examples. Chokeberry and autumn olive are wonderful shrubs and have fruit as a bonus. Wild-life will enjoy their fruit and you just might, too. Avocados grow into a small tree from seed, and will need to be brought indoors to a sunroom in winter in colder climates. Asparagus can be a "grass" in a landscape, a section of hedging, a clump in a raised bed, for the fresh shoots we pick and eat quickly grow tall and wispy if unpicked.

Bamboo shoots and buffalo berries are next. Just as blueberries, blackberries and so forth can be landscape assets, try buffalo berries. Bamboo shoots are not too unlike asparagus, except some bamboo can grow as tall as trees.

Cactus (trickily pear and others) and cornus (cornelian cherry and kousa dogwoods) and dwarf citrus (grown in containers) can be edibles. Some consider prickly pear fruits a delicacy.

Elderberries may not fit in a formal and well-manicured yard. But the homemade elderberry jelly I enjoyed some cold mornings last winter made me glad I found a spot for an elderberry clump!

Some figs anyone? They make a nice small and unusual yard tree or large shrub. Shop for a hardy variety as some may be marginally hardy in our area. Filberts can be grown in the home landscape for their nuts.

Gooseberries are often forgotten edibles, as are currants (which I forgot to list on C's). Grapes are more common.

Honeyberry is an exotic bush-eyecake that has oblong soft blue fruit. Though I've not seen this at any garden center, I could direct anyone interested to some mail order companies who will sell male and female plants. Hops are climbing vines whose fruit are used as bittering flavorings.

Jujubes, jostaberries, Japanese rain trees, are exotics to consider.

Kiwi, at least the hardy kind, can be a nice climbing vine as well fruit bearing.

Lignoberries can make a fruit-bearing groundcover (as can cranberries, which are related.)

Medlar, mulberry, mayhaw, maples, mountain ash and magnolia vines are next on our A to Z listing. Medlar and mayhaw are useful old-fashioned trees that were much more common in Colonial America. Mulberries are edible, but even if you don't like them, having a mulberry tree in the neighborhood can keep birds from eating your cherries as they like mulberries even better. Sugar maples can be tapped for maple syrup. New hybrids of Mountain Ash produce edible fruit, and the attractive magnolia vine bears edible fruit among its shiny-green magnolia-like foliage.

Oregon grape holly and ornamental onions are worth mentioning as edible landscape plants.

Persimmons, pawpaws and passionflower fruits are wonderful fruits and possible landscape plants.

Quince are a good source of Vitamin C and the shrubs are really lovely when they bloom in the spring.

Raspberries and rhubarb. Mmmmmmm.

Sesberries (sea buckthorn) serviceberries, even strawberries can be great looking in a yard. And the fruits of each are special.

Tayberry, teaberry, violets, Virginia creeper, yams (especially the sweet potatoes with red or other colorful leaves) and yuccas round out our list of exotic edibles. These are all plants that are edible in some way, be it fruit, roots, shoots or leaves. And surely you can find a spot for at least one of these unusual edibles in your yard.

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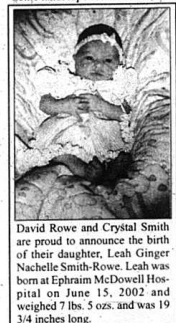
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