

Academic Honor Roll



Rockcastle County High School senior Amanda Cummins is the daughter of Earl and Norma Cummins of Mt. Vernon and is currently ranked number one in the senior class at RCHS. Amanda has a perfect 4.0 grade point average and is a Governor's Scholar. Amanda is secretary of the Y-Club, a board member of the French Club, a member of Key Club, National Honor Society and KREEPS (Kids Reaching Everyone Everywhere Providing Solutions). Amanda also volunteers at Mt. Vernon Elementary where she works in two different classrooms, helping tutor students. Amanda plans to attend the University of Kentucky where she will major in a Pre-Med field.

Our Readers Write

Dear Editor,

We wanted to take this opportunity to thank the Brindle Ridge Volunteer Fire Department for their time, efforts and dedication spent helping members of their community.

We were a direct recipient of that dedication and expertise this past weekend, as a fire broke out in our home. Had it not been for the smoke detector that members of the fire department installed recently and their quick response to our call for help, our home stay have been a complete loss.

It is people like these, who so freely give of themselves to help others, that make the world a better place to live in.

Thanks again,
David & Faith Heath Spires
Jessica Denny

Dear Editor,

I will voice my displeasure about the residents from Lake Linville.

I have lived here 17 plus years and I have never, never had any trouble with people camping. I go

down and get with them and get to know them, they are wonderful people, with their children staying out under the stars and laughing.

Most of the trash you talk about are from people coming by in cars and throwing it out.

Myself and my children pick garbage up all the time, but I don't call the city and complain.

Wayne Bullock does an excellent job picking trash up by the shore line.

Mrs. Kirby, the City of Mt. Vernon has always helped us. I see the police over here all the time. What do you want the police to do? Pick up trash?

The residents that was at the meeting are new residents, none of us old residents was there.

I have had women that sun bathe in their birthday suits. I just go down and tell them I would appreciate it if they would put something on and they do.

I love the campers, what is the lake for, if you can't have fun.

Ethylene Cash
Barnett Rd.
Lake Linville

Yards to Paradise

By: Max Phelps

Landscaping for Drought and Fire Resistance

There are plants that survive despite receiving little water. There are plants that survive when raging wildfires sweep through neighborhoods.

By choosing some of these plants for our landscapes, we may lessen our worries during dry periods.

Before mentioning some tolerant plants, consider the following tips. Part of the success in drought survival or during watering restrictions is prior conditioning. A healthy tree can better take periods of stress. Too much fertilizer causes fast growth, which becomes excessively stressed when water is not available.

Realize there are microclimates in your yard, areas dryer, wetter, warmer, colder than most areas. Against the north and east sides of a house, fence, or outbuilding there is usually a "rain shadow." Also under large trees, much less rain falls on the ground.

Create whole beds or whole areas of drought tolerant plants. Mixing them with water-loving plants creates a dilemma when watering, because some drought tolerant plants will die from over-watering.

Mulch to conserve soil moisture (as well as keep weeds down and for a nice appearance). Remember, even drought tolerant plants may need one to two years to get established after you plant them before they can successfully come through dry periods unharmed. This will depend on the species, further research at the library or via the internet may be helpful.

Some drought tolerant plants are suggested below. You can probably think of others.

Trees: white oak, burr oak, chestnut oak, scarlet oak, European black alder (all extremes), ash, Kentucky coffee tree, catalpa, redbud, mulberry, osage orange, honey locust, hackberry, pinon pine, blue spruce, Norway spruce, deodar cedar.

Shrubs: Arizona cypress, sumac, pee gee hydrangea, yucca, privet, northern bayberry, red tip photinia, rosemary, crepe myrtle, potentilla, barberry, pyracantha, wisteria, pea shrub.

Perennials: artemisia, baptisia (false indigo), yarrow, most mints, lavender, sea holly, lamb ears, Virginia creeper, caryopteris (blue mist or blue beard).

Groundcovers: English ivy (once established it needs plenty of water the first season), alysium, creeping rosemary, lavender cotton, fountain grass, buffalo grass, blue grama grass, fescue, creeping thyme.

When it comes to fire, no plant is completely fire proof. Plants that store lots of water, cactus for instance, don't burn easily. Iceplant or sedums (succulent plants) don't burn readily.

Deciduous trees that have been

well watered a day or two before a wildfire do not burn much. The same is true of evergreen ivy, provided it is not wilted and dry prior to the fire.

Evergreen trees, any trees for that matter, that are very resinous will burn wildly in a fire. And resistant weeds or groundcovers are useless if dead leaves, dry grass, dead branches, etc., litter the ground among them!

In fire prone areas, reduce the fuel a fire would need to a very minimum, while still maintaining an esthetically pleasing landscape. The use of gravel, lava rock, paver stones, and concrete in place of mulch would help.

And a hedgehog of pines leading right up to the house could spell disaster if caught in a dry wind-driven fire!

"Meth"

(Cont. from front)

the Suburban and through surveillance including from the air.

Police arrested Lewis, Davidson and Salazar-Pellegrino on August 26.

They are charged with conspiring to possess and distribute methamphetamine. Because of the large amount of the drug involved, they face maximum sentences of 10 years to life if convicted.

There have also been arrests in California related to the case and more arrests are expected in the London area, said Assistant U.S. Attorney Stephen C. Smith.

Methamphetamine production and trafficking has mushroomed in Kentucky in recent years as the drug spread from California and across the Midwest into the Eastern United States.

In 2001, for instance, the Kentucky State Police investigated 156 meth labs in Kentucky, said Lt. Lisa Rudzinski of the KSP. This year, the number could double; state police had investigated 174 labs as of July 31.

Reprinted from The Friday, August 30th issue of the Lexington Herald-Leader.

Chief Tim Albright and Brodhead Rural Chief Johnny Bengue were all in attendance. Brindle Ridge assistant Chief Larry Mullins was on hand because Chief Eddie Brock could not attend.

The homecoming committee also raised \$1,886 for the air conditioning fund for the school and another \$850 was also received for the fund.

Samantha Lewis was crowned Homecoming Queen and Tanner Carrera and Leann Tankersley won the Pretty Baby Contests. State Representative Danny Ford served as the Grand Marshal of the Parade.

PRIDE grant awarded

PRIDE (Personal Responsibility in a Desirable Environment) has awarded a Community Grant totaling \$49,400 that will be used in Rockcastle County to cleanup 13 illegal dumps.

The dumps are: Chestnut Ridge Road, Boone Gap Road, Carl Brown Road, Maple Grove Road, Hickory Flats, Three Links Road, Helton Road, Sand Hill Overlook Lane, Lugo Cemetery Road, Sowder School Road, Bobby Smith Road, SR 1249 and Old Burr Quarry.

PRIDE is gaining momentum in Rockcastle County. Over 480 volunteers have worked more than 2,285 hours to cleanup 43 illegal dumps, 18 roadways and one stream. The county has collected over 1,428 bags of trash, 380 tires and over 290 tons of trash.

"PRIDE has made remarkable strides in cleaning up rivers, lakes and streams throughout Eastern and Southern Kentucky," Congressman Hal Rogers said.

"The partnership between the federal, state and local governments, in addition to thousands of volunteers, help communities meet the challenges of this massive cleanup effort and are critical to the ongoing success of this important program. It's an incredible story about what can be accomplished when we work together," Rogers added.

"Homecoming"

(Cont. from front)

the Rockcastle River Trading Company.

Carolita's son, Buzz, who is also Rockcastle County Judge-Executive, was also presented the friend of Livingston Award for his contribution to the Livingston School project.

The homecoming committee also recognized the fiscal court and the work release program at the Rockcastle Detention Center for their work on the project.

County firefighters were honored on Saturday with all but one of the county's five chiefs in attendance.

Besides Stallsworth, Mt. Vernon Chief Garry Hansel, Brodhead City

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Meeting Location - Brodhead Elementary School

SPECIAL MEETING

DRAFT AGENDA

September 10, 2002

6:00 p.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER

- A. Silent Prayer
- B. Roll Call
- C. Reading of Board Team Commitments

2. ADOPT AGENDA/ACTION

3. COMMUNICATIONS:

- A. Site visit - (conducted by Mrs. Caroline Graves, Principal)
- B. Pre-School Update - (Superintendent Hammond)

4. OPERATIONS/ACTIONS

- A. Approve minutes of the August 13, 2002 special monthly meeting
- B. Approve bills for payment
- C. Approve Emergency Substitute Teacher application: Shaunna Stevens; Robert William Bates
- D. Approve Maternity Leave (03.1232) request for Beth Eaton
- E. Approve Extended Disability Leave (03.2234) request for Paula Cobb
- F. Approve contract haulers for the 2002-2003 school year: Josephine Adams (\$1100.75); Victor Miller (\$799.20); Sandy Causey (\$799.20)
- G. Approve request for RCHS fundraisers: Lady Rocket Basketball Team (door to door fundraising); RCHS Art Class (Great American Opportunities Inc. fundraising)
- H. Approve Emergency Certification TC-4F for Kathy Bobo (Special Education)
- I. Approve Superintendent/Designee to declare Surplus Items at BES as junk (no bids received): 7 computers and 11 computer monitors
- J. Approve School Trips:

5. DISCUSSION/ACTION

- A. Review/approve tax rates to be levied for school year 2002-2003
- B. Review/approve creation of full time Instructional Assistant I position at BES (IEP student)

6. DISCUSSION/REVIEW

- A. Review Monthly Financial Report
- B. Review Superintendent's Personnel Actions Report
- C. Other

7. ADJOURNMENT



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Another Cleanup is scheduled for
September 21, 2002 • 9 a.m.

Beginning at McDonald's and going to the stop light at the intersection of Hwy. 461 and Hwy. 150

This month will be sponsored by the JROTC at the Rockcastle County High School

Please come and help on September 21st at 9 a.m. as we all try to "Clean the Rock, and Keep It Clean."

Please
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Cain Hasty

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