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Rockcastle FFA Chapter holds Winter Field Day

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"If everyone is moving forward together, then success takes care of itself."
(Henry Ford)

On December 7th, RCHS was filled with FFA members throughout the Kentucky River Region competing in the annual Winter Field Day which has many contests such as Ag Sales, Nursery Landscape, Small Engines, and Welding. Rockcastle's reason for participating: to place in all!

One of the contests at the field day was Ag Sales. In Ag Sales a team of no more than four come together as a group to sell an agriculture related product, separate and sell an agriculture related product of their own, and take a thoroughly written test on basic knowledge of sales. Rockcastle County placed 2nd overall. The team consisted of Amie Hale; Tiffany Bowman, who placed as the 3rd high individual; McKenzie Craig, and Andrea Isaacs.

Another big contest going on that day was Nursery Landscape. In Nursery Landscape teams of four take a written test on basic knowledge of Nursery and Landscape, a landscape practicum in math, and have to identify 25 random plants that would be found in a

nursery. Rockcastle placed 1st overall. The team consisted of Bethany McKinney and Kyle Peacock, who both tied for the regional high individual; Kayla Reynolds and Elizabeth Lawrence.

One of the contests that took place in the Ag Shop was Small Engines. In Small Engines a team of four takes a written test on basic engine knowledge, identifies random parts and tools, and has a problem solving and skills section, in this section each team member is given an engine with a problem that they have to solve. Rockcastle's small engines team placed 1st overall. The team consisted of Charity Adams, who placed as 1st high individual; Adam Hale, who placed as the 2nd high individual; James Fletcher, who placed as the 3rd high individual; and Adam Poynter.

The final contest going on at Winter Field Day was the Welding Contest. In welding the team members make 3 types of welds, in which they are all judged by appearance and strength. Rockcastle placed 1st overall. The team consisted of Robby Bradley, who placed as 1st high individual; Justin Barnes, who placed as 2nd high individual; Zach Lunsford, who placed as the 3rd high individual; and Shawn Carpenter. Congratulations to everyone who competed. We would also

like to thank Mrs. Camel and the FCCLA for preparing and serving the meal.

"Tax Season" (Cont. from B4)

Every year, thousands of taxpayers will get refunds. While some consider overpaying in taxes on their paycheck a form of forced savings, you may want to consider how you could use this money throughout the year. The extra money could help you with such things as building your personal savings or emergency fund, making an extra house payment or paying off debt. To change your tax withholding, you will need to file a new W-4 form with your employer.

Many tax preparers advertise immediate money through tax refund advance services. However, these may not be the best idea for many. A fee is usually assessed in exchange for the quick cash. Tax refund advances are similar to a payday loan, and both are some of the most expensive ways to borrow money. According to the Consumer Action website, annual percentages rates can range from 50 to 500 percent on tax refund advances. A tax advance refund, or rapid refund, is a loan. If for some reason your refund is less than anticipated, you could end up paying the difference between the two and possibly additional fees or interest. Perhaps a better way to get your refund quickly is to electronically file your taxes as early as possible and have it deposited directly into your checking account. By doing so, you could have your refund as soon as 10 days later.

If you owe the IRS money this year, you may want to consider changing your withholding status with your employer so more money can be taken out throughout the year, so you're not hit with a big payment next year. If you owe taxes but don't have the money to pay due to unemployment or a reduction in income in the past year, you may qualify for the IRS's Fresh Start program, which may allow you to repay your debt in installments without failure-to-pay penalties. There are income and tax limits associated with this program. For more information on it, visit <http://www.irs.gov>.

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Congratulations to the Small Engines Team for placing 1st overall. Pictured from left: Adam Poynter, James Fletcher, Adam Hale, and Charity Adams (front).

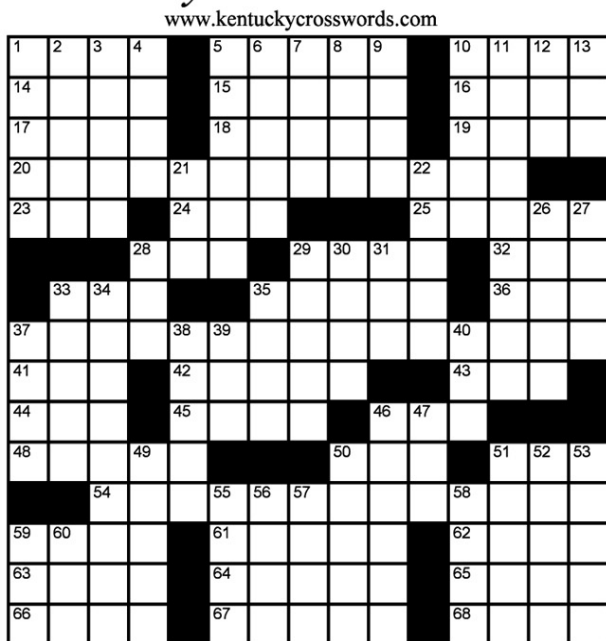


Congratulations to the Nursery Landscape Team for placing 1st overall. Pictured from left are: Elizabeth Lawrence, Bethany McKinney, Kyle Peacock, and Kayla Reynolds.



Congratulations to the Ag Sales Team for placing 2nd overall. Pictured from left are: Tiffany Bowman, Andrea Isaacs, Amie Hale, and McKenzie Craig.

Kentucky Crossword # 570



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ACROSS

1. Famous humorist from Paducah
5. Scouting group
10. Wood sorrels
14. Racetrack
15. Give a lift
16. Tennis zero
17. Like old records
18. Yellow shade
19. Sketched
20. Kentucky's highest point of elevation
23. Our sun
24. Stadiumgoer
25. African equine
28. Coolers, for short
29. Highlander
32. Roman title
33. Laura Bush' alma mater: Inits.
35. Surrounding glows
36. Snake-like fish
37. Hickman County once contained all of this region
41. Pendulum's path
42. Building addition
43. Keats creation
44. Tarnish
45. Sitcom producer Norman
46. Troopers' org.
48. Portion
50. Berea College founder
51. Before, of yore
54. Major gateway into frontier Kentucky
59. Varieties
61. French romance

62. Sponsorship
63. Get together
64. At full throttle
65. Quash
66. Small horse
67. Smooths
68. Economist Smith

DOWN

1. Former Kentucky governor, Bert T.
2. Convex molding
3. Shopworn
4. Alliance
5. A Campbell Co. "Fort"
6. Scout's mission
7. Island near Kauai
8. Letcher Co. hamlet, Fork, or kiln
9. Chipper
10. Blast from the past
11. Hoecake
12. Blvd.
13. Make a seam
21. Colonel Sanders' restaurant
22. Ancient Mexican
26. Kentuckian, baseball's Pee Wee
27. Wheel shaft
28. Diving bird
29. ___ Tuesday
30. Nitty-gritty
31. Paddle
33. Elliott Co. area, or Abraham Lincoln's stepmother
34. Tennessee and Ohio Rivers merge in this Kentucky

35. Kournikova of tennis
37. Fruit preserves
38. Livingston Co. community or Oregon's capital
39. A Kentucky soft drink, Ale-8-
40. Skip preceder
46. Cincinnati Reds 1998 draftee, Austin
47. McConnell, e.g.: Abbr.
49. Out of practice
50. Not settled
51. Encouraged, with "on"
52. Indian yogurt dish
53. English prototype of the Kentucky Derby
55. Pastoral sounds
56. Austen novel
57. Horse color
58. Buddhist
59. Mischievous one
60. Sign before Virgo

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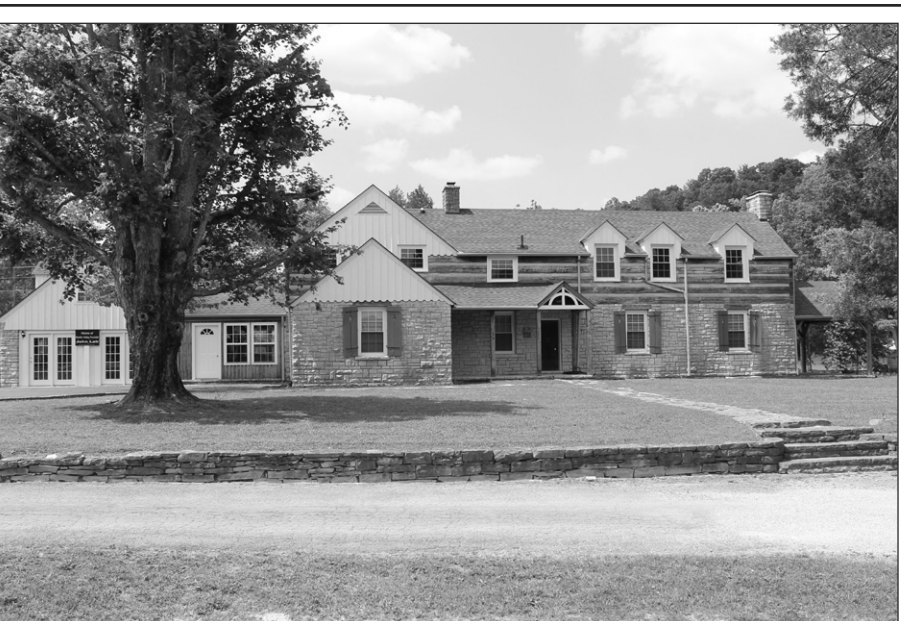
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