

Mt. Vernon Message

For the week of April 20, 2000 Testing is well underway this week. Students are working hard and putting forth their best efforts. Parents, please encourage your child during these two weeks of assessment. Give them a little extra attention and treat them with fun activities, snacks, movies, etc. just to show them that you are supporting them.

Family Circle printed an interesting article on the Gifts of Love. I thought that it was appropriate for these weeks of testing. It is as follows:

As a parent, I have the right to...
...offer my own unconditional love.

...bite my lip as I watch you make mistakes, knowing I have to let you learn some things the hard way.

...insist that you do chores and learn skills, so you can actually have a pursuit of happiness. And I have the right to beam with pride and say

"Awesome" when you reach your goals.

...turn down invitations from people outside our family, even if all I want to do is watch you sleep in your crib, or someday, shoot hopes in the driveway.

...give you a standing ovation when you play the part of a pilgrim in the kindergarten play.

...teach your heart, as well as your mind, by taking you along to soup kitchens, charity drives and other events that foster caring for others.

...preserve your freedoms by enforcing family rules. Your obedience will result in greater liberty, while disobedience will result in lost freedoms.

...establish a welcoming atmosphere in our home, a peaceful refuge from the rest of the world. This includes the setting of moral values, and the regulations of all media influences.

...provide food, shelter and clothing for you, but not necessarily sushi, hot tubs or designer jeans.

...offer you counsel and guidance to help you make wise choices. If, after I do my best, you choose to make unwise decisions, I have the right to a good night's sleep anyway.

Last, but not least, I have the right to kiss you and tell you I love you even in front of your friends because I do.

Thought for the week: Don't let what you cannot do interfere with what you can do.

Mackey named U.S. National Award winner in Math

The United States Achievement Academy announced today that Johnny Mackey of Mt. Vernon has been named a United States National Award Winner in Mathematics.

This award is a prestigious honor very few students can ever hope to attain. In fact, the Academy recognizes fewer than 10% of all American high school students.

Johnny, who attends Rockcastle County Middle School, was nominated for this national award by Mrs. Davis, a teacher at the school.

Johnny will appear in the United States Achievement Academy Official Yearbook, which is published nationally.

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The Academy selects USAA winners upon the exclusion recommendation of teachers, coaches, counselors, and other qualified sponsors and upon the Standards of Selection set forth by the Academy. The criteria for selection are a student's academic performance, interest and aptitude, leadership qualities, responsibility, enthusiasm, motivation to learn and improve, citizenship, attitude and cooperative spirit, dependability and recommendation from a teacher or director.

Johnny is the son of Chris and Lisa Mackey of Mt. Vernon and the grandson of Harry and Jean Mackey of East Ridge, Tennessee and Henry and Lorene Fain of Mt. Vernon.



Johnny Mackey

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Smith named All American Scholar & National Cheerleading Award Winner

The United States Achievement Academy announced today that Amanda Brooke Smith of Mt. Vernon has been named a United States National Award Winner in the All American Scholar Division and Cheerleading.

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Amanda Brooke, who attends Rockcastle County Middle School, was nominated for this national award by Gina Nicely and Sharon Thacker, coaches at the school.

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Amanda Brooke is the daughter of Belinda Smith and the granddaughter of Wayne and Imogene Sparks and Alma and Shirley Smith, all of Mt. Vernon.



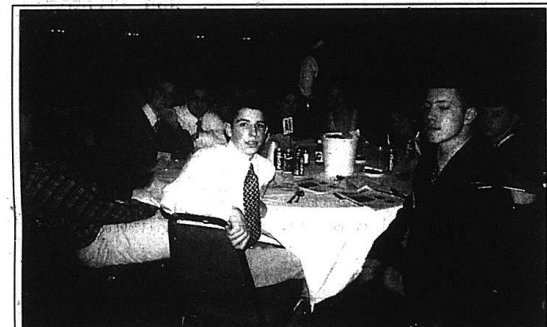
Amanda Smith

Y-Club attends KUNA

On March 5th-7th the Rockcastle County High School Y-Club attended the Kentucky United Nations Assembly (KUNA). During this three day long conference these students attended meetings during which they debated issues of international concern and spoke for the views of the country they represented on various subjects. Our school was very honored to be able to represent the United States at this year's conference. The United States is a coveted country due to its veto power over the proposals at the conference. Many students from Rockcastle

had special jobs at the conference. Brian Reynolds was our school's representative on the Press Corp. He went to meetings and wrote many articles for the KUNA newspaper. Stephen Hopkins was our candidate this year. He ran for the Office of Security Council President and although he was not elected ran a very successful campaign. Courtney Alexander and Melinda Coffey were our school's proposal authors and presented a proposal on the banning of land mines. Ashley Cottrell and Travis Burton authored a premier proposal on the control of terrorism.

Daphne Adams and Josh Hale did a great job of serving as state officers at the conference. The highlight of the conference was the awards ceremony during which RCHS Y-Club had two delegates receiving outstanding speaker awards. Courtney Alexander and Aaron Anderkin. RCHS also received the Outstanding Country Award in recognition of their representation of the United States of America. The Y-Club would like to thank all of the people who helped us prepare for and attend the conference. These people were the key to our delegation success while at the conference.



Delegates enjoy the Banquet of Nations at KUNA. From center left: Austin Miller, Brian Reynolds, Stephen Hopkins, Brian Mullins, Melinda Coffey, Courtney Alexander, Ashley Cottrell, Travis Burton and Aaron Anderkin.

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Rockcastle County Middle School
School-based decision making: a parent's role:

School-based decision making was created in 1990 to involve teachers, parents, and principals in the process of helping all students reach higher standards of achievement. School councils have legal authority to make important decisions about teaching and learning in their own schools.

This opportunity for parents to be key decision-makers in schools is unique in the nation. No other state requires virtually all schools to have councils with parents as full members and with legal decision-making authority.

Parents should:

VOTE - in school council elections.
RUN - for school council positions as candidates.
PARTICIPATE - in the school council committee structure, by volunteering to serve on a committee or attending committee and council meetings.

You can serve if you have a child who will be enrolled in the middle school for the 2000-2001 school year and do not have a relative employed in the school.

SBDM definition of relative - father, mother, brother, sister, husband, wife, son, daughter, aunt, uncle, son-in-law, daughter-in-law.

PARENT SBDM Elections
Monday, May 1 - Last day to nominate a parent. Submit nominations in writing to the principal. You must have a child who will be enrolled in the middle school next year before you can nominate or be nominated.
Monday, May 8 - PTG will conduct parent elections at 5:00 p.m. at the school.

NOMINATION FORM

I, _____, would like to nominate _____ for the position of parent member of the Rockcastle County Middle School SBDM Council for the 2000-2001 school year.

Date: _____
Signed: _____

PLEASE NOTE *Parents of fifth graders are eligible to vote, nominate, or serve if the student will promote to middle school this year.

ABSOLUTE Auction
of Rockcastle County's Former Maintenance Garage
Friday, April 28, 2000 at 10:30 a.m.
Mt. Vernon, Kentucky

Location: Turn off South Main Street at Elmwood Cemetery onto Old U.S. 25 and go approximately 3/10 mile to the property. Auction signs are posted.

The Rockcastle County Fiscal Court has purchased other property for the county maintenance garage. Therefore, they have declared this property surplus and have authorized our firm to market it at absolute auction.

The property consists of a concrete block garage building with approximately 1,500 square feet. The building includes office space and a bay work area. City water and sewer is available.

The property contains approximately 1.23 acres and is enclosed with a chain link security fence.

Auctioneer's Note: If you're looking for a garage or storage property in the Mt. Vernon area, this property is worth your consideration. Make plans to attend this absolute auction on Friday morning, April 28th at 10:30 a.m.

Terms: 20% down day of sale, balance in 30 days.

Announcements day of sale take precedence over printed matter.

For additional information, contact the auctioneer.

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