

Minds in the Middle

This Friday is the deadline to order pictures and yearbooks. Money and order forms should be turned in to the homeroom teachers. The cost for a yearbook is \$20.00.

Mr. Alexander began the Student Technology Leadership Program (STLP) this week. The group meets every Wednesday from 3-4:00.

Last week, our 8th graders selected their Who's Who for the upcoming yearbook. Aaron Cash and Johnna Abney were selected as Mr. and Miss RCMS. Since we are beginning a new millennium, the yearbook staff decided to focus on where their classmates will be in the future. They viewed Tara Rowe and Max Saylor as future professional athletes; Katie Stevens and Donald Brown as circus clowns; Amy Parsons and Delon Graves as brain surgeons; Casey Taylor and Ronny Lee McClure as fashion consultants; Katie Parsons and Blake Roberts as models; Johnna Abney and Aaron Cash as celebrities; Jordan Hall and Sarah Parsons as Presidents; Jenna Cummins and Matthew Whitaker as teachers; and Amy Parsons and Max Saylor as millionaires.

Saturday the 6th grade girls basketball team defeated Southern Pulaski by a score of 23-13. They will compete at Meece Middle School this Saturday at 11:00 a.m. On Monday, the 7th and 8th grade teams competed against South Laurel. Both came away with two point wins. The 8th graders by a score of 39-37 and the 7th graders won 30-28. They will play at Wayne County on Thursday evening and at home Monday night against Southern Pulaski.

Students who are participating in the 21st Century Community Learning Center activities may ride the bus home each day. The buses run at 5:00 on Mondays and Tuesdays and at 4:15 on Wednesdays and Thursdays. Remember that ESS tutoring is now available on Wednesdays and Thursdays.

The Voyager team would like to applaud their students that have gone the extra mile during the first grading period. The following students had straight A's and perfect attendance: Anna Reynolds, Jill Owens,

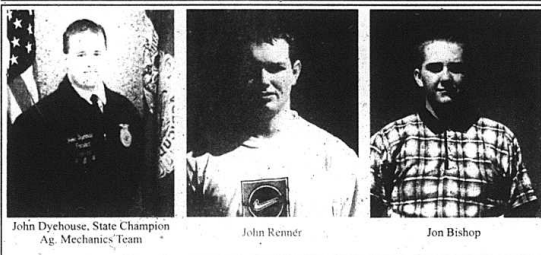
Josh Blair, Steven Renner, Lura Cash, Hillary Proctor, Leanne Holden, Lisa Robinson, Rebecca Cummins, and Laura DeKauwe. These students had the highest grade averages on the team: Jill Owens - Math; Lura Cash - Language Arts; Anna Reynolds - Language Arts, Science, and Social Studies; Reading - Lisa Robinson and Hillary Proctor. Hillary Proctor had the most Accelerated Reader points for the Voyagers.

The 8th grade football team will begin playoff action on Thursday. Last Thursday, they defeated South Laurel 54-6. The 7th graders won by a score of 48-0.

The RCMS PTG held its monthly meeting on October 5th at the Rockcastle County Library to help kick off the new Career Planning Center sponsored by GEAR UP. PTG is proud to be affiliated with GEAR UP as well as the 21st Century Community Learning Center. If you are not familiar with these programs, contact Andy Beichler for GEAR UP or Anthony Coffey for 21st CCLC at RCMS. PTG is currently planning fund raising activities that will include selling scented candles and a spaghetti supper as well as planning a benefit concert in the spring. The spaghetti supper will be held on October 19th from 5-7:00 p.m. in the RCMS cafeteria and will coincide with the district middle school play-offs. The cost is \$3.00 per person, and all proceeds are to benefit the RCMS PTG. Their membership drive is continuing through at least the end of October. Homeroom teachers will collect any dues brought in by students. The homeroom with the highest number of parents to join will be treated to a field trip, probably during the week before Christmas break. If you are not a member, please join to show your support for your child's school. Dues are \$3.00 per person or \$5.00 per couple and all dues will stay within the RCMS PTG to pay for awards and activities for the students. The mission of the PTG is to act as a liaison between parents and teachers, to enrich the education of our children and recognize achievements. We shall also work to keep open lines of communication between parents, teachers, and the community.



Back row from left: Brad Bussell, Jeremy Davidson, Warren Whitaker, Zach Gentry, and Chris McGuire. Front row from left: Eric Adams, Chris Childress, Rebekah Lyons, and Crystal Mills.



John Dyehouse, State Champion Ag. Mechanics Team

John Renner

Jon Bishop

FFA does well at State Fair

By Eric Adams

At the beginning of the summer the Rockcastle County FFA advisors began to consider the team rosters that would go to the state fair to compete. They were looking for FFA members that would put forth the effort and devote the time that would be needed to win.

After selecting the teams, the practicing and preparation began. Members of the teams spent a lot of time during the summer practicing together as well as studying on their own. The FFA team members had very high expectations as they prepared for their

competitions.

The Small Engines Team was made up of John Dyehouse, Jonathan Bishop and John Renner. They placed first over-all, rolling over the competition in a very impressive win. Congratulations - First in the State. Jon Bishop was the state high individual in this competition.

The tobacco grading team, consisting of Jeremy Davidson, Eric Adams, Brad Bussell and Chris Childress, averaged a ninety out of one hundred in the contest which tied them for first place in the state. However, to break the tie, the judges com-

pared the individual scores and tobacco grading team fell a little short leaving them with second place overall. A special congratulations to Jeremy Davidson who tied for high individual in the state with a 97. Other scores were Eric Adams, 83; Brad Bussell, 85 and Chris Childress, 84.

The Seed Identification Competition is harder than most people realize. However, Rebekah Lyons shined in this competition and placed second overall in the state. She scored a 340, which was just off the top score of 345. Congratulations also go to Rebekah for second in state!

Whoever said that the FFA was just for the guys? After the Nursery judging competition Crystal Mills showed that girls can succeed in FFA. Crystal showed up the guys by scoring a team high of 288 just beating out Chris McGuire who had a 285, Zach Gentry and Warren Whitaker. Congratulations to this team for winning fourth in the state.

As the old saying goes "hard work pays off" and that is exactly what these FFA teams accomplished. This was one of the best state fairs that the Rockcastle County FFA has ever had.

Rock vs. Panthers

By Preston Parrett
The Rocks traveled to Panther land And they played up to par, To their district laurels They'd add another star.

The Rocks opened up the scoring With Deuce Bussell on a thirty-four yard run. When quarterback Chris went out with an injury The Rocks showed they had another gun.

Aaron Anderkin came in for Chris And hit Clay Dooley with a pass, And Old Clay charged over Into the endzone grass.

At the end of the first quarter The score was fourteen to zip And the Panthers began to realize The Rock was sinking their ship.

The Rock defense was stout And the Panthers couldn't score, When Clay on a six yard run Tacked on six points more.

Aaron again threw a strike And Greg Harper went in from the thirty-four, And at the intermission The Panthers were headed for defeat once more.

The Rock came out in the third And they were playing strong, As the Deuce got loose And sung his touchdown song.

Josh Hale ended the scoring When he went over from the five And the Panthers had another drive Which makes their program thrive.

Congrats to coaches, team and support cast

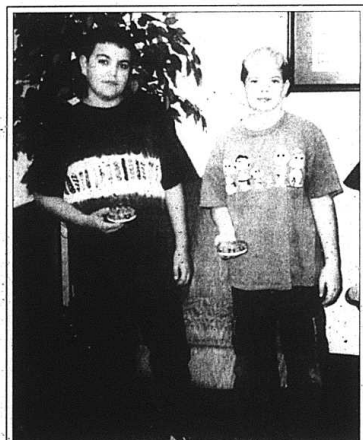
You're really doing well, As you roll along eight and O And in the house of winners dwell.

Thank You

Thank You to the Mt. Vernon and Brodhead Fire Departments for their efforts in trying to contain the fire at the home of Phyllis Polly and the late Cordie Gibbons.

Thanks to the nice lady who stopped and donated \$100 to the family, also to Gary and Gertha Mink and the two ladies who live near Marebrough Church for all their assistance.

God Bless You All
Martha Renner

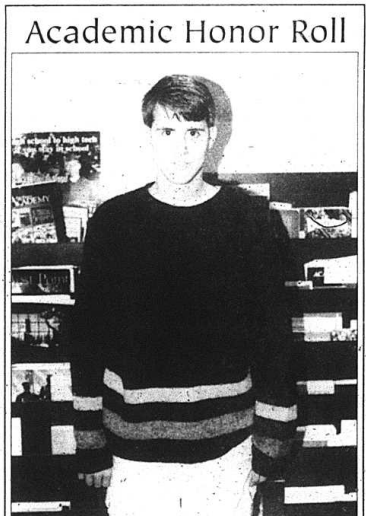


Congratulations to Justin Miller and Michael Campbell. They were the first members of the RCMS 100 point club in the Accelerated Reader Program. Michael read enough to earn 144 points. Justin earned 105 points.



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Stephen B. Hopkins, son of Tony and Donna Hopkins of Mt. Vernon, has a perfect 4.0 grade point average in the 2001 Class at Rockcastle County High School. Stephen has scored a 31 on the American College Test and is considering attending U.K., Georgia Tech or Texas A&M with a major in the engineering field. At RCHS he is a member of the Y-Club, Beta Club, FBLA, FCCLA, National Honor Society and Academic Team. He serves as President of FBLA and Treasurer of the FCCLA. He is a member of the golf team, indoor track team, track and field team and he is the statistician for the girls basketball team. His main hobby is working with computers.

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Auctioneer's Note: If you're looking for an investment or need a good location for your business, then come look this property over before the sale, bid last and buy. Don't forget this is an absolute auction on Saturday, October 28 at 10 a.m.

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