

DAR holds meeting

The Rockcastle Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution met on Tuesday, November 14, in the new community room at Citizens Bank. Ten members were present.

The meeting was called to order by Regent Darst. She was assisted in the Ritual by Chaplain Laura Durham. The National Defense Report was presented by Mrs. Jean Towery. Mrs. Towery also reminded members that this year's membership dues should be paid as soon as possible. Regent Darst introduced Sgt. Major Taylor, Rockcastle County High School ROTC. Sgt. Major Taylor prefaced his introduction of his students with a few remarks about the significance of the Korean War. He gave a brief overview of the topics

and then introduced the first speaker, Captain Jefferson Smith, who spoke on "The Background and Causes of the Korean War." Captain Smith introduced Cadet Tim Tyler, who spoke on "The Events of the 2nd Campaign." Cadet Tyler introduced Cadet 1st Class Shannon Bullock, who spoke on "The Events of the 2nd Campaign." Cadet Bullock introduced Cadet Tami Taylor who spoke on "The Signing of the Armistice and the Aftermath."

At the conclusion of the presentations, Sgt. Major Taylor asked that they be excused since the students were missing "Rocket Madness", a special program at RCHS. Regent Darst called for a motion to adjourn. Coffee and cake were served in the community room.



Tami Taylor, Tim Tyler, Shannon Bullock and Jefferson Smith, members of the Rockcastle County High School ROTC, recently spoke at the Daughters of American Revolution meeting. Tami Taylor, Tim Tyler, Shannon Bullock and Jefferson Smith.

Mt. Vernon Message

At the end of each grading period, we hold an awards ceremony where students receive ribbons, certificates and seals for academic excellence, honor roll, principal's list, attendance and citizenship. Listed below are the recipients of academic excellence, honor roll and principal's list awards.

Pictured is Brook Kirby with her mother, Bonnie. Brooke did a research project on George Washington.

Mrs. Vanzant's Class - Gives Thanks

I hope you will enjoy reading this as much as we have. Have a Happy & Safe Thanksgiving!

I'm Thankful for:
Angela Alcorn - All of my food because its good for my body.

Nathan Alcorn - My parents because they teach me how to play Nintendo.

Jessica Blackburn - Turkey to eat because I have food to eat.

Amber Brett - My family because they buy me things and take me places.

Sydney Brown - My Dad's love because it makes me feel good.

Chase Delaney - My clothes, because they keep me warm.

Billy Harrison - My family because they buy me stuff.

Amber Hasty - My Mom and Dad because they love me.

Mark Hupp - Jesus because he watches over me.

Sydney Jones - Teachers because they help me learn!

Jacob Langford - Jesus because he died on the cross for our sins.

April Montjoy - God because he made everything for us.

Rebekka Mullins - My family because they help me with things.

Austin Thompson - My Dad because he likes and loves me.

Trevor Warren - Food because I like it.

William Wheat - My teachers because they help me learn.

Mrs. Vanzant - Having good health!

Mrs. Barbara - God and my family. Thought for the week: A kindness today is the surest way to a brighter tomorrow.

Academic Awards:
Entry Level - Mrs. Alexander: Sara Adams, Ben Allen, Bryson Amys, Ashton Arvin, Rebecca Barron, Joshua Bullock, Marvin Carpenter, Heather Clontz, Miranda Harding, Bethany McKinney, Adam Poynter, Dylan Stewart, Samantha Vanzant and Alexis Young.

Mrs. Alexander p.m.: Adam Alcorn, Brandon Alcorn, Brandon Bullock, Sarah Burdine, Travis Cameron, Davey Deaton, Logan Durham, Eli Haddix, Brittany Hines, Timothy Nicely, McKenzie Owens, Samantha Putnam, Harley Riddle, Mary Robinson and Austin Stewart.

Mrs. Davidson/Mrs. Magle's am: Tiffany Brown, Heather Bradley, Hannah Bullock, Monica Gray, Courtney Hayes, Naron Helton, Sarah Martin, Emily Miller, Carlett Morgan, James Morgan, Courtney Mullins, Zachary Poynter, Terri Renner, Brittany Sellers and John

Curtis Wilson.
Mrs. Todd a.m.: Laiken Coffey, Lauren Denny, James Fletcher, Zachary Hiatt, Elijah Lovell and Jesse Stallworth.

Mrs. Todd p.m.: Hazel Bullock, Justin Cameron, Miranda Clark, Staci Enzenberger, Amy Johnson, Brandon McFerron, Waylon Mick and Jacob Singleton.

Principals: Mrs. Carter: Samantha Arthor, Jacob Bullock, Ramsey, Courtney Smith, Tyler Smith, Kaylee Vanwinkle and Blake Viles.

Mrs. Howard (P1&2): Robert Bowman, Brook Blackburn, Stephen Harris, Gary Kirby, Bryan Maier, Brooke McGuire, Curtis Murrell, Chelsea Payne and Joshua Stallworth.

Mrs. Phillips: Jordan Carpenter, Katherine Cowan, Laundra Gibbons, Jerika Robbins, Courtney Vanwinkle, Everett Wilson and Caitlin Mullins.

Mrs. Smith: Carly Asher, Question Brooks, Sha Bude, Billy Cameron, Holly Ham, Jon Paul Kidwell, Michelle Weaver, Carl Winstead and Sarah Woodall.

Mrs. Vanzant: Angela Alcorn, Sydney Brown, Chase Delaney, Amber Hasty, Sydney Jones, Jacob Langford, Rebekka Mullins and William Wheat.

Mrs. Webb: Tiffany Barnes, Brittany Carpenter, Karna Leger, Alexandra Martin, Megan Martin, Matthew Samples, Dalton Singleton and Jordan Whitaker.

Primary Two - Mrs. Bullock: Chastity Burke, Elizabeth Guinn, Kayla Hensley, Jessica Mahaffey, Jordan Robinson, Kassandra Robinson, Lecan Duncan and Levi Wynn.

Mrs. Barton: Clara Clouse, Chastity Cope, Abby McClure, Chrissy Marler, Chas Miracle and Jacob Stewart.

Mrs. Cable: Brittany Boring, Brandon Burdette, Jennifer Cox, Sarah Herbert, Morgan Hunt, Rachel Hutton, Zachary Napier, Dalton Nicely, Stephanie Profit and Samantha Stewart.

Mrs. Clontz: Sydney Arvin, Heather Bullock, Felicia Cameron, Casey Carpenter, Kara Carpenter, Samantha Cromer, Rachel Gleissner, Sara Hammond, Ella McGuire, Jonathan Miller and Zachary Means.

Mrs. Cowan: Tony Bullock, Brent Callahan, Joshua Campbell, Michael DeWitt, Tala Fuson, Joyce Johnson, Karen Pheasant, Carl Sandlin, Jessica Thompson and Allyson Washburn.

Primary Three - Mrs. Brewer: Breanna Arley, Jessica Bullock, Adrienne Gaudre, Kimberly Hall, Tacie Jones, Kayla Lawrence, Sarah Lindsey and Michael Rouden.

Mrs. Cameron: Megan Cromer, Alisha Doud, Jakob Ellison, Shane Gibbons, Nicole McFerron, Mariah Osborn and Jeremy Samples.

Mrs. DeBorke: Steven Bond, Bo Clark, Megan Cromer, Jessi Heller, Jessica Mick, Kimberly Northern, Vanessa Price, Gabrielle Scarborough, Alisha Taylor and

Amber Whitaker.

Mrs. Ford: Sabrina Arthur, Rebecca Ayers, Joseph Baker, Richard Barron, Jonathan Carlton, Cynthia Langford, Regina Rice, Christopher Rogers, Maranda Stoats, Matthew Thompson and Chelsea Whiteley.

Mrs. Lykins: Justin Brett, Ian Bullock, Devin Davidson, Reba Johnson and Robbie Miller.

Mrs. Roark: Mary Ella Bryant, Bethany Clontz, Katy Howard, Tiffany Mason, Bobby Rigby, Casey Sturgill and Brandon Young.

Mrs. White: Dillon Asher, Courtney Ham, Shayla Kirby, Zachary McCracken, Megan Perkins and Nikki Wilson.

Fourth Grade - Mrs. Allen: Principal's List - Devon Mason and Leyndy Reynolds. Honor Roll - Jordan Cash, Megan Hood, Michael Scott, Samantha Smith and Maverick Whitehead.

Mrs. Asher: Principal's List - Felicia Chesnut and Skyler Hayes. Honor Roll - Josh Abney, Michelle Bullock, Morgan Campbell, Cody McGuire and Robyn Suddiff.

Mrs. Brown: Principal's List - Danny Barnes, Cody Kirby and Danielle Mick. Honor Roll - Ty Gray, Matthew Marlow, Craig McGray and Kendra Owens.

Mrs. Clark's: Principal's List - Brandon Russell, Bryan Clontz, Lauren Graham, Katy Mattingly, Kayla Rowe, Timothy Singleton and Rachael Woodall. Honor Roll -

Tamara Blanton, Brittany Calhoun, Kayla Cameron, Jordan Cook, Charles Dickerson and Logan Kincer.

Mrs. Cummings: Principal's List - Jacob Busle, Morgan Collins, John Lambert, Samantha Renner and Samantha Smith. Honor Roll - Rae Cowan, Noregema Cromer, Jacob Riddle, Kimberly Stewart, Grant Thompson and Whitney Whitaker.

Mrs. Ramsey: Principal's List - Pamyla Mick, Ronnie Lainhart, Amanda Hedrick and Jaclyn Bullock. Honor Roll - Sara Burnett, Cody Mize, John Moon and Joshua Patterson.

Fifth Grade - Mrs. Cameron: Principal's List - Melinda Thomason. Honor Roll - Rhonda Abney, Dustin Pason, Kimberly Johnson and Andrea Wynn.

Mrs. Davidson: Principal's List - Kyle Learn, Blake McKinney, Rebecca Moore, Chris Napier and Emily Renner. Honor Roll - Jacob Alcorn, Adrienne Lovell, Cassie McFerron, Dewey McFerron, Jeffery Mullins and Kayla Owens.

Mrs. McGuire: Principal's List - Brooke Kirby, Beverly Miller, Daniel Myers and Chastity Scott. Honor Roll - Christopher Mullins.

Mrs. Robbins: Principal's List - Brandon Carpenter, Josh Chambliss, Josh Moberly, Anthony Smith and Jacob Woodall. Honor Roll - Casey Bowles, Jeremy Bullock and Sarah Rowe. Casey Bowles, Jeremy Bullock and Sarah Rowe.



Brooke and Bonnie Kirby

Eliminate or change the Electoral College

By Derrick Hensley

If you have been watching television, reading the papers or listening to radio, then you have been made aware of the controversy surrounding this year's election of our next U.S. President.

That outcome is based on the popular votes cast for a candidate to get 270 out of 538 electoral votes. In order to win the Presidency, a candidate must receive 270 electoral votes.

After studying the presidential election process for Year 2000, the challenges 8th grade social studies students in Mrs. Pam Martin's class at RCHS are watching intently as history unfolds with the controversy surrounding Florida's popular vote.

Monday's class was centered around the much-debated issue of whether or not our Electoral College System should be eliminated, changed or to continue as it has followed through many U.S. Presidential elections.

I believe that our Electoral College that chooses the president of this country should be altered slightly. I do not believe that signing of a code of honor to vote in the same manner as the majority of their people is enough.

I propose that the great U.S.A. create a national law for all fifty states. Stating that all 538 electors vote the same as the citizens of their state. Do you realize that one electoral vote could change the outcome of millions of votes? Your vote does count! Bill Burdett

I believe that our Electoral College that chooses the President of this country should not be changed or eliminated. I believe that the Electoral College is fine the way it is. Nothing is wrong with it. The number of electoral votes in each state is dependent on the state's population. So, let's say, the state of California's population votes shows Bush winning - Then those 54 electoral votes would vote for Bush. This method has worked so far - why change it? Tara Rowe

I believe that our Electoral College that chooses the President of this country should not be changed or eliminated, because this system of electing worked in the past and should be in use for a while longer. David French

I believe that our Electoral College that chooses the President of this country should not be changed or eliminated, because it is a pretty good

option for us. After all, the Electoral College is just 538 people out of millions.

Paula Rowland

I believe that our Electoral College that chooses the President of this country should be eliminated because it is very old-fashioned and unfair because the Electoral College could not vote on the way the popular vote goes and that would be throwing out millions of votes. It is very unfair! Ashley Himes

I believe that our Electoral College that chooses the President of this country should be eliminated because it does not feel like the system is fair. Why should millions of people's president be decided by 538 people? That is not even 1/12 of all the people. Jerry B.

I believe that our Electoral College that chooses the President of this country, should be eliminated because people are educated enough to vote for themselves. Also, if people want to vote there is a way. Cody Moore

I believe that our Electoral College that chooses the President of this country should be changed because I don't think it's fair that some state's electors get to decide that they will vote a certain way, when other state electors are bound by law to vote a certain way. I think ALL state electors should be bound by law to vote the way their state votes. Leigh Ann Caldwell

I believe that our Electoral College that chooses the President of this country should be eliminated because I feel that whoever the people vote for and believe in should be our president. I believe that all the people's voices should be heard - not only 538 electors. Derrick Hensley

I believe that our Electoral College that chooses the President of this country should be eliminated because I believe that everyone's vote should count, not just 538 electoral votes. Leslie Philbeck

I believe that our Electoral College that chooses the President of this country should be eliminated because every vote is supposed to count. This is not true. The Electoral College system is because if a majority of the people in Kentucky voted for one candidate, but many people still voted for the other, the people who voted for the second candidate would not count. The eight electoral votes from Kentucky would go for the first candidate. These electors have taken a pledge to go ahead and vote for the candidate that their state chooses. Every person in this country is supposed to have equal rights, but the government makes it seem like the 538 electors are "better" than the regular people. The electors can change the election around because many of them are not bound by law to vote for the candidate that their state chose. These electors can vote for a different candidate, which can make the peoples' vote basically not even count. Scott Cromer

I believe that our Electoral College that chooses the President of this country should be changed because as of right now we are not allowed to have already had a vote from all of the states. But we have never had such a big problem in our country in the voting of the President! If our Electoral College that chooses the President of this country does change, I hope that they make it to where all of the states have the same number of Electoral votes. Kelli Frederick

I believe that our Electoral College that chooses our President of this country should be eliminated because 25 states plus the District of Columbia

are bound by statute to vote the popular vote, but there are 25 states that only pledge to vote the popular vote. (A pledge means that they can say that they'll vote one way yet could vote another way.) They are not bound by law. I think in this situation that the Electoral College should change, no matter what. Abraham Lincoln said that the government is, "Of the people, by the people and for the people." So why do 538 of the millions of people choose our president? Is it fair? Does the Bill of Rights give us Freedoms of Religion, Speech, Press, Assembly and Petition? So what happened to that Bill of Rights #1 Amendment in voting for the U.S. President. Mary Brinson

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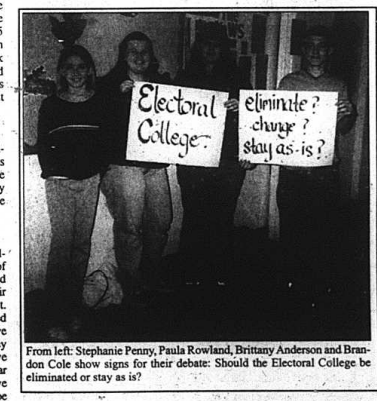
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From left: Stephanie Penny, Paula Rowland, Brittany Anderson and Brandon Cole show signs for their debate: Should the Electoral College be eliminated or stay as is?