

# 4-H Speech Contest held

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The Rockcastle County 4-H Council held their Annual 4-H Speech Contest on Tuesday, December 5, 2000 at Mt. Vernon Elementary School. A total of 47 speeches were given and awarded ribbons.

Champions and alternates were recognized in each age category 9

through 14. The 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> place winners have earned the privilege of representing themselves and Rockcastle County in the Wilderness Trail Area 4-H Communications Day on Saturday, April 28, 2001 at West Knox Elementary School at Corbin, Ky.

Special thanks goes to all participants in the contest and very special thanks to Berea College students People Who Care for

judging the contest: to Mt. Vernon Elementary School for hosting the event, to 4-H Council Members for their help, and a tip of the hat and special thanks to all teachers who help the youth.

Listed below is a list of speeches given by 4-H youth:

9 Yr. Old Division:

Blue ribbon winners were Megan Hood, Elizabeth Dooley, Katy Mattingly, Lauren Graham, Charles

Dickerson, Brittany Calhoun, and Brandon Bussell all of MVES. Rachel Woodall of MVES was 1<sup>st</sup> Place Champion, and Tamara Blanton of MVES was 2<sup>nd</sup> Place Winner.

10 Yr. Old Division:

Blue ribbon winners were Carrie Hunt of BES, Jordan Cash, Anthony

Smith, Beverly Miller, Blake McKinney, Timothy Singleton, Kayla Rowe, Devon Mason, Maverick Whitehead and April Johnson of MVES, and Stephen Riddell of RES. 1<sup>st</sup> Place Champion was Bethany French of MVES and



Rockcastle County Middle School students participating in the 4-H Speech Contest were, front row from left: Curtis Burton, Mike Campbell, Chandler Hunter, Chris Hurst, Mike VanWinkle, and Drew Davidson. Second row, from left: Izak McQueary, Morgan Kincer, Victoria Clontz, Ainsley Bussell, Anna Reynolds and Clint Whitaker. Back row, from left: Shawneetha Smith, Allison Carter, Kendra Blanton, Kristina Lowery, Bill Burdett and Lura Cash.

2<sup>nd</sup> Place Winner was Mary Saylor of BES.

11 Yr. Old Division:

Blue ribbon winners were April Chestnut, Christy Napier, Max Osborn, and Laura Childress of MVES. Morgan Kincer, Chris Hurst, Izak McQueary, Ainsley Bussell, Chandler Hunter, Michael VanWinkle, Lura Cash and Anna Reynolds of RCMS. Champion 1<sup>st</sup> Place Winner was Drew Davidson and Victoria Clontz was 2<sup>nd</sup> Place Winner.

12 Yr. Old Division:

Blue ribbon winners were Clint Walker, Mike Campbell and Kendra Blanton. 1<sup>st</sup> Place Champion was Allison Carter and 2<sup>nd</sup> Place Winner was Shawneetha Smith.

13 Yr. Old Division:

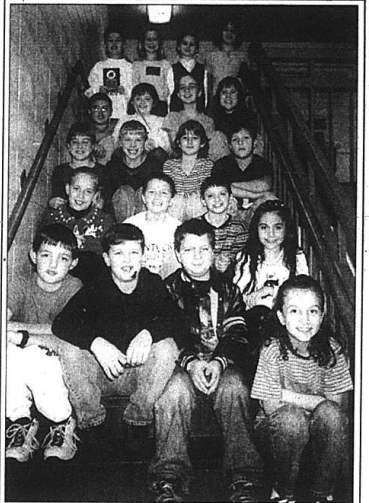
1<sup>st</sup> Place Champion was Curtis Burton and 2<sup>nd</sup> Place Winner was Kristina Lowery, both of RCMS.

14 Yr. Old Division:

Grand Champion was Bill Burdett of RCMS. Congratulations to all those who participated.



April Johnson and Stephen Riddell of Roundstone Elementary were participants in the 4-H Speech Contest.



There were several youth from Mt. Vernon Elementary School participating in the 4-H Speech Contest. They are pictured above, front row from left: Tim Singleton, Blake McKinney, Charles Dickerson, and Megan Hood. Second row, from left: Brittany Calhoun, Jordan Cash, Maverick Whitehead, and Elizabeth Dooley. Third row, from left: Lauren Graham, Kayla Rowe, Tamara Blanton, and Devon Mason. Fourth row, from left: Anthony Smith, Beverly Miller, Lura Cash, and Christy Napier. Top row, from left: Brandon Bussell, Katy Mattingly, Rachel Woodall, and Bethany French.



Carrie Hunt and Mary Saylor of Brodhead Elementary School participated in the 4-H Speech Contest.

The Rockcastle County High School/Rockcastle County Area Technology Center  
1<sup>st</sup> Century Community Learning Center  
and  
The Rockcastle Council For The Arts  
present

## Saxton's Cornet Band



Thursday, December 14, 2000  
6:30 p.m.

Rockcastle County High School Auditorium  
No Admission

\*Concert will be re-scheduled if schools are cancelled due to weather

## Sponsors needed

By Jill Pillion

While surfing the Internet for organizations helping children in need, I ran across a website entitled, Project Smile. I was intrigued by the title so I decided to see what it was about.

The project was started by Dana Dunne, an American Peace Corps volunteer, stationed in Kazakhstan.

Project Smile is a child sponsorship program consisting of children in Ust-Kamenogorsk, Kazakhstan orphanages.

The program seeks sponsors who are willing to send care packages to the orphaned children living there. You choose the child/children you would like to sponsor from their photo listing on the website.

One look at the children and I was hooked. I signed up to sponsor a little boy named Georgiy.

I sent the package full of clothes,

toys, puzzles and coloring books shortly after signing up. Earlier this week I received, via email, pictures of Georgiy enjoying the contents of the box I sent. It really made my day.

I look forward to getting the picture he drew for me and the letter he wrote with help from his teacher.

I have already signed up to sponsor another child and have recruited both my mom and sister into sponsorship.

We feel it is a great project to do with your kids to demonstrate the concept of helping others. I urge you to stop by their website at [www.smile.freetnet.kz/](http://www.smile.freetnet.kz/) or type in Project Smile on your search engine and sponsor a child if you can.

I know that no matter how much Georgiy enjoyed his care package I got far more out of it than he did.