

Cheerleaders head for Nationals

BY AMY CLARK

The RCHS cheerleading squad has qualified for for national competition in Orlando, Florida by placing second in the regional championship at Henry Clay High School in Lexington.

This will be the group's first time making it to nationals and they will be competing against several schools in Kentucky and the U.S. February 9-13.

"I am very excited, not just because we are going, but if we do our best, we might have a chance of placing," said senior captain Tara Burton.

Other senior captain Jennifer Carmack agrees.

"We have been practicing as a squad since June and now it has paid off," she said.

Only the squad members who are competing will get to go, due to their budget.

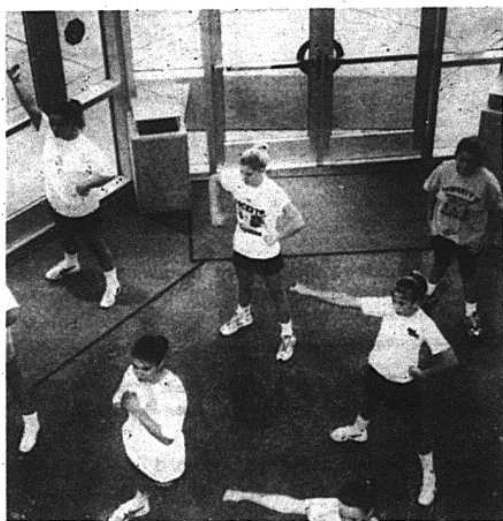
The school isn't paying for any of the trip, so it's left up to the cheerleaders to raise the money.

"It's an honor to qualify for nationals even though money is a big factor," said coach Rhonda Rose.

This year will be an unforgettable year for all cheerleaders and RCHS.

"It will be really hard this year because it's our first year, but I believe we will get a foundation for future squads," said senior Chelsen Stratton.

This big event will be televised on ESPN 2, February 10.



Several members of the Rocket cheerleading squad practice after school. The cheerleaders recently qualified for the national competition in Orlando, Florida.

Chorus presents Madrigal Dinner

BY JOANIE MINK KING

Honors choir held their third annual Madrigal Dinner December 5, in the RCHS cafeteria.

"The dinner was a complete success. We received more compliments on the performance and the meal than ever in years past," said chorus director Mrs. Tammy Reynolds.

This year the chorus picked an Appalachian theme.

"They [the chorus] have used Medieval and Cajun in the past, and

this year they wanted something comfortable and traditional," explained Mrs. Reynolds.

The singers performed traditional Christmas carols like "I Wonder as I Wander."

Media Specialist Janet Wells has been to the dinner two years in a row. She went last year when the theme was Cajun.

"They did an excellent job on all the songs and that's what I enjoyed most," she said.

The menu was traditional with ham, sweet potato casserole, dinner rolls, salad, green beans, and pecan or apple pie, served by the other chorus classes.

"Bridgette Lear was a very good server. She did an excellent job," said Mrs. Wells.

Honors choir, Mrs. Tammy Reynolds, and other chorus members encourage and invite you to join them next year if you've never experienced the RCHS Madrigal Dinner.



Mrs. Janet Wells and Mr. and Mrs. Bill Lynch (clockwise) attended the annual Madrigal Dinner on December 5.

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