

Rewards roll in

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finishing as state semifinalists.

"A year that the Rock was not predicted in any preseason poll in the state to finish near the top, did," said senior end, Dackery Larkey.

Another RCHS team has finished near the top for the second year in a row, and has received both team and individual honors.

The RCHS Rifle team recently won the Kentucky High School State Championship in the sporter division.

Leading up to their state title the rifle team competed in several other competitions. The team shot their way into first place in the precision category in Clarksville, Tennessee and second place overall in Nashville, Tennessee.

The results of their latest competition, in Atlanta, Georgia, have still not been determined.

Individual shooters have made a name for themselves as well. Senior Tami Taylor won the Kentucky state title, with a score of 543.

Taylor's teammates, Jonathan Noe, Tim Tyler, and Shannon Bullock placed second, third, and ninth, respectively.

The top three finishers, Taylor, Noe, and Tyler were awarded with First Team All State positions, while Bullock was honored as a member of the second team.

Sergeant Major Keith Taylor, who coaches the rifle team, says the secret behind his team's success is "seeking out good competition."

His daughter Tami disagrees. "The secret to our success is my dad. The coaching he gives is everything," she said.

Sgt. Major Taylor is no bad shot, himself. He served in the US Army for 23 years, and earned an Expert badge for marksmanship.

In the same turn, he must have learned some effective leadership. "He always tells us 'Do your best all the time'," says Tami.

From the team's continuous string of outstanding performances, the coach must have been saying something right.

The rifle team will compete again on January 6, 2001, at Seneca High School in Louisville. They will be competing in the NRA sectionals.



Celebration 2000 was held Wednesday, November 22 as a reward for students on their outstanding CATS 2000 performance. Teachers Dawn Quigley and Robyn Johnson helped pass out free pizza to all of the students. While some students ate, others played volleyball and participated in tug o' war. Tyler Strunk, a junior, pulled with everything he had but it wasn't enough to beat the sophomore class. The sophomores came out on top with both boys and girls winning it all for their class.



photo by Mindy Bullock

Senior Tara Burton gives blood during Key Club's annual blood drive. The drive took place last week.

Happy holidays
from The Rocket
staff!