

Minds in the Middle

Our annual Reality Store for the 8th graders was held on Tuesday. Thanks to all of those community volunteers who made the event possible. Watch next week's Signal for pictures and more information.

Mid-term of our fourth grading period was Tuesday. Parents are being notified of mid-term deficiencies.

The deadline to order spring pictures is this Friday, March 16th.

Mr. Hasan Davis of Berca has been helping our PE classes learn their core content this week. The groups have been working on African Dance.

Our Y-Club represented us well at the Kentucky United Nations Assembly last weekend. Jackson Bray was elected to the highest office. Secretary. Heather Hammond was elected as President of the Australian Summit. Allison Carter received an Outstanding Ambassador Award. Three proposals passed from committee to Summit. The authors

were Kayla Bryant, Amanda Wright, Jill Owens, Morgan Kincer, Allison Carter, and Heather Hopkins. Allison and Heather's proposal was voted on favorably in the Australian Summit and was the highest ranked proposal. This was one of only two proposals to be presented before the General Assembly.

There will be an after-school party this Friday from 3:00-5:00 p.m. Students must have team and parental permission in order to stay.

The RCMS Cheerleaders are conducting a K-12 pig fundraiser. Students vote for the teacher that they would most like to see kiss a pig by donating money. Mr. Richard Cope is leading with Mrs. Sharon Thacker coming in second.

Our country is full of rabbits and we have difficulties keeping the population depleted. Any students who would like a rabbit may have one while supplies last. Stop by the office if you are interested.



Local students complete Leadership Seminar

The Cumberland College Office of Student Services announces that Jeffrey Owens, above, son of Steve and Oona Kay Owens of Mt. Vernon and Christina Crawford, below, daughter of Robert and Regina Crawford of Broadhead, recently completed a 10-session Leadership seminar. The seminar is part of a four-year leadership project at Cumberland College. Its purpose is to teach students how leadership is effectively exercised for the enhancement of personal skills. The seminar is designed to strengthen leadership skills, analyze characteristics of good leadership and the assessment of leadership style and potential. Above, Mrs. Diana Warmoth presents Jeffrey, with his certificate. Below, Mrs. Debbie Harp presents Christina, left, her certificate.



Local education leaders focus on what helps children learn

How do teachers affect the ability of their students to learn? Can a child's achievement be increased for all students? How will President Bush's education reform plans impact Kentucky schools?

While there's no single answer to any of these questions, Rockcastle County school leaders caught up on the latest in news and research on these and other issues during the 65th annual conference of the Kentucky School Boards Association (KSBA). Rockcastle County Superintendent Larry Hammond and board members, Terry Burton, Mike Burdette, Martin Vanzant and Sam Stallworth were among the estimated 1,100 school board members, superintendents, school administrators and others who took part in the KSBA conference March 22-25 in Louisville.

Fifty conference sessions and workshops were tied to the theme, *Public Education: striving for excellence*. One student at a public school in the state of Tennessee. The broad range of topics included tracking student achievement data,

serving gifted and at-risk children, training classified staff in school safety techniques, working models for boards and school councils, increasing the supply of qualified schools administrators, and using technology for more efficient schools and expanded learning opportunities.

Kentucky law requires school board members to receive annual professional development training. Many board members obtain a substantial portion of their training hours at the KSBA conference. Also received reports on bills before the 2001 General Assembly and from staff and members who recently met in Washington, D.C. with members of the Kentucky Congressional delegation.

Participants in the 2001 KSBA Annual Conference also heard addresses by Kentucky Education Commissioner Gene Wilhoit, Wall Street CEO J. Mac Hooladay and Katie Haycock, executive director of the Washington, D.C. based Education Trust.

RCMS Y-Club prepares for KUNA conference

By Melinda Coffey

The Rockcastle County High School Y-Club has been preparing to attend the Kentucky United Nations Assembly (KUNA) for the past couple of months. This youth conference is sponsored by the Kentucky Chapter of the YMCA and is one of their two yearly debatable conferences. At this debatable conference, students attending will present proposals, debate proposals, run for offices and serve as delegates for their assigned country. Not to mention compete for awards, participate in a working conference and have fun.

The RCMS students attending KUNA this year will be representing Canada. Some of the students attending were chosen by their classmates or fellow delegates to serve in special positions. Stephen Hopkins is one of these students, he will be head over the conference this year, while serving as Secretary-General. Travis Burton and Ashley Cottrell will serve in

special positions as proposal authors. During the conference they will present and defend a proposal on the behalf of Canada.

Other delegates attending the conference will also have special jobs. Two delegates, Brian Reynolds and Travis Burton will run for offices while at the conference. Each delegate is also permitted to have one member of the Media Corps at the conference and Melinda Coffey will serve in this position. All the other delegates will be debating, serving as pages, clerks or lobbyists and helping to make this conference educational, yet enjoyable for everyone.

Last, but not at all least, in order to attend this conference a lot of time and efforts were put forth by the RCMS advisors Angie Hendrickson, Travis Brenda and Nancy Hale. The entire delegation would like to thank these three people for all they have done to prepare and allow us to attend KUNA.

Whicker enrolls at Clear Creek Baptist Bible College

Jason Whicker, of Broadhead, recently enrolled as a student at Clear Creek Baptist Bible College in Pineville, where all students major in Bible. Mr. Whicker is the son of Rev. Mark and Joy Whicker, also of

Broadhead. A Kentucky Baptist Convention Institution, Clear Creek Baptist Bible College exists to provide educational preparation for adults called of God into Christian service.

Alexander named Y-Club member of the week

Cody Alexander has been selected as this week's Y-Club Member of the Week by the RCMS Y-Club Executive Council. Cody is a 9th grade student at RCHS and is very active in the school's Y-Club. He is even a club member should he be. If something needs to be done, Cody is there to help do it.

There is truly a reflection of the core values of the Y-Club. Besides being devoted to school and community projects, Cody is actively involved in the Y-Club's mentor program. Service oriented people like Cody, are what make the Y-Club successful. Thank you Cody for your all year service to our school and community.

This week is Y-Club Spirit Week!

During this week the Y-Club is sponsoring many school service projects to promote a happy student body. Monday was Farm Day, Tuesday was USA Day, Wednesday was Elementary School Day, Thursday is Crazy Day, and Friday will be Y-Club School Spirit Day.

Y-Club members involved in KUNA will travel to Louisville this weekend representing the county of Canada. The club has one state officer, Stephen Hopkins, who will serve as Security Council President. Brian Reynolds and Travis Burton will be running for office. Aaron Anderkin and Josh Hale will serve as Canada's Proposal Authors. Good luck to all our members as they travel to the Kentucky United Nations Assembly.

Frederick named National Award Winner in English

The United States Achievement Academy announced that Shane Frederick of Broadhead has been named a United States National Award Winner in English.

This award is a prestigious honor very few students can ever hope to attain. In fact, the Academy recognized fewer than 10% of all American high school students.

Shane, who attend RCMS, was nominated for this national award by Tammy Miller, a teacher at the school. Shane will appear in the United States Achievement Academy Official Yearbook, which is published nationally.

"Recognizing and supporting our youth is more important than ever before in America's history. Certainly, United States Achievement Academy winners should be congratulated and appreciated for their dedication to excellence and achievement," said Dr. George Stevens, Executive Director of the United States Achievement Academy.

The Academy selects USA winners upon the exclusive recommendation of teachers, coaches, counselors, and other qualified sponsors and upon the Standards of Selection set forth by the Academy. The criteria

for selection are a student's academic performance, interest and aptitude, leadership qualities, responsibility, enthusiasm, motivation to learn and improve, citizenship, attitude and cooperative spirit, dependability and recommendation from a teacher or director.

Shane is the son of Kenneth and JoAnn Frederick of Broadhead and the grandson of Dave and Hazel Stewart of Orlando and Jess Frederick and the late Alta Frederick of London.



Shane Frederick

School Menus

Rockcastle County Schools
Menu
March 19-23, 2001

Breakfast: Monday: Cereal, toast/jelly, juice and milk.

Tuesday: Egg biscuit or cereal, biscuit/jelly, juice and milk.

Wednesday: Sausage biscuit or cereal, biscuit/jelly, juice and milk.

Thursday: Waffles, eggs or cereal, toast/jelly, juice and milk.

Lunch
Elementary & Middle

Monday: Gravy, scrambled eggs, sausage, hash brown, biscuits, fried apples and milk.

Tuesday: Lasagna, Italian bread, salad, corn, banana pudding and milk.

Wednesday: Hot dog on bun or chicken salad on bun, oven potatoes, carrot sticks with dip, apple pie and milk.

Thursday: Turkey roast, mashed potatoes, green beans, roll, banana pudding and milk.

Friday: Hamburger on bun or fish fillet on bun, lettuce & pickle, cole slaw, applesauce and milk.

High School

Monday: Gravy, scrambled eggs, sausage, hash brown, biscuits, fried apples and milk.

Tuesday: Lasagna, Italian bread, salad, corn, banana pudding and milk.

Wednesday: Baked ham, mashed potatoes, green beans, roll, apple pie and milk.

Thursday: Turkey roast, mashed potatoes, green beans, roll, banana pudding and milk.

Friday: Chicken strips, potato wedges, corn, roll, pineapple spears and milk.

In March we are going to try something new at the RCHS Cafeteria. We will have a Red Rocket Express Lane featuring hamburger or chicken sandwiches with french fries on Monday & Tuesday, and Pizza or breadsticks with corn and garden salad on Wednesday. A dessert and milk will also be served. The Red Rocket Express Lane will offer this menu every week on these days. This is just a trial period to see what the customers (the students) would like to have served for lunch. There will also be a weekly menu of other meals offered on the other lane.

Local students honored at Georgetown College

John Andrew Hale of Mt. Vernon, has been named to the "A" Honor Roll at Georgetown College for the 2000 spring semester, announced Provost/Dean of the College Dr. William Pollard.

Students named to the "A" Honor Roll must earn 12 semester hours and have a grade point average of 3.75 or higher.

Provost/Dean Dr. William Pollard has announced Talons Kay King of Mt. Vernon, has been named to the Dean's List at Georgetown College for the 2000 fall semester.

Students named to the Dean's List must have completed 60 semester hours with a cumulative grade point

average of 3.5. Continued attainment of a grade point average of 3.5 for two consecutive semesters is required to remain on the Dean's List.

Jessica Lynn Lowery of Mt. Vernon, has been named to the "B" Honor Roll at Georgetown College for the 2000 spring semester.

Students named to the "B" Honor Roll must earn 12 semester hours and have a grade point average of 3.25 to 3.74.

Located 12 miles from Lexington, in the heart of the Bluegrass, Georgetown College is a four-year private liberal arts institution affiliated with the Kentucky Baptist Convention.

Tiger Pause

Don't forget that this Friday, March 16th is our celebration of Dr. Seuss. We will be having a Green Eggs and Ham Breakfast and guests readers from 1:30 until 2:30.

Our spring festival and parent/teacher conferences will be held on Thursday, March 22. PTA will be very active this day and they need your help. PLEASE remember that you must have a completed parental response check to volunteer. If you have not done this you may complete a form and help with future projects.

Megan Lovell reports that in Mrs. Dottie's class they are working on a Civil War project. Students are drawing names from a list and doing a presentation on that individual. Each presenter gives clues to the other students so that your classmates can figure out who you are. You don't want to give clues that are too easy. Megan says they are having lots of fun with this activity.

What would the world be like without the postal service? How would you tell your grandma in Canada about the upcoming family reunion? Or how can you invite your dear Uncle Joe to the yearly Christmas party when he lives in Texas? Maybe by telephone? No way! Pretty soon you won't have a time to talk to him together! Yes, postal service is VERY important. Why even the Broadhead School micro society has it.

At the micro post office workers rotate, doing different jobs such as mail sorting, manufacturing products (stamps, envelopes, bookmarks, etc.), selling the goods and delivering. Their boss is Mrs. Tammy Steveson. The post office is located next to the bank on the stage in the gym. There is a post office box beside the gym door for you to send your letters. However, these letters only go to BES residents.

So students, whenever you send or receive one you can think of the mailing process, inside and outside of the real world and how important it is to us all. (Reporter, Holly Brown)

In Mrs. Keyson's fifth grade class we are studying the Civil War. The entire class was split by drawing a piece of paper out of a container. Some students are north some are south. The south includes slave owners, slaves and free slaves. (Reporter, Toni Baker)

If you have a child in Mrs. Cash's class and you are wondering what they are doing then I can tell you! In math we have been working on division and multiplication. We take a multiplication test every day! In spelling we are learning to look up our spelling words in the dictionary. Tell your child to do their best! (Reporter, Timber Shelton)

On April 23, we will begin our CATS assessment. Students will be tested on science, reading, arts and mathematics. Please encourage your child to do his or her best! (Reporter, Toni Baker)

The BES micro is an enjoyable project not to mention educational. One business that might be first in line for both of these qualifications would be Science World.

In Science World customers get to do different science related activities such as experiments on batteries, light bulbs and circuits. If they aren't doing experiments then they will probably be watching a science-related movie such as one of the Magic School Bus videos. The cost is \$30 Tiger Bucks and the boss is Mrs. Dottie. (Reporters-Holly Brown)

Locals named to ECU fall semester Dean's List

Twelve Rockcastle Countians are among 1,471 students at Eastern Kentucky University who were named to the Dean's List for fall semester study.

Local students named to ECU's fall semester Dean's List include: Nathaniel Bullock, Jonathan Buidette, Melissa Kirby, Angie Lawless, Virginia Mink, Kevin Scott and Aaron Stallworth, all of Mt. Vernon; Susan DeBord, Risse Griffin, Beth Jones and Cassandra Taulbee, all of Broadhead.

To achieve Dean's List honors at ECU, students attempting 14 or more credit hours must earn a 3.5 grade

point average out of a possible 4.0. Students attempting 13 credit hours must earn a 3.65 GPA, and students attempting 12 credit hours must earn a 3.75 GPA.

"We are pleased to recognize outstanding academic achievement at Eastern Kentucky University," said ECU President Bob Kustra. "These students' classroom performance reflects both their diligence and the hard work of our faculty."

Of all the Dean's List students last semester, 516 earned a perfect 4.0 grade point average.



Special events at Mt. Vernon Elementary: Our Family Resource Center is sponsoring three special events on Monday, March 19th: FRC Family Art Night for 4th grade at 6:30 p.m., FRC Family Literacy Night for 4th grade at 6:30 p.m., FRC Adult Computer Class from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. ESS is held each Thursday from 3:05 to 4:15. Pictured above is our weekly art prize winner - Elizabeth Dooley from Mrs. Katrina Allen's 4th grade classroom.

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