

RCHS sweeps Cumberland science fair

BY JARROD BURDETTE

Rockcastle is tops in many things, and they've proven it once again, capturing two first place finishes and sweeping the physics category at the 2001 Cumberland College Science Fair Wednesday, March 28.

Seniors Cheyenne Carmack and Stephen Hopkins won first place in physics and were named Grand Champions with their project "Pipe Dreams," which dealt with sound amplification.

"We experimented with direct-

ing wave paths to see which path yielded the largest sound intensity without increasing electrical energy," said Carmack.

Senior Granville Graves came in second place, and Ashley Lawson, also a senior, came in third place. Senior Josh Engle, named Grand Champion of RCHS's spring science fair, placed fourth.

Melinda Coffey, a junior, placed first in life science both at RCHS and Cumberland with her project, "Got Height?" Juniors Shena

McKinney and Cassie Sowder placed third.

Sophomore Rebekah Lyons placed second Cumberland with "Does Your Age Affect Your Memory?" She placed first in RCHS competition.

"All students were judged based on how well they were able to explain the science behind the experiments," said physics and earth/space science teacher Ms. Stephanie Hammack.



Students displayed their projects in the gym during the RCHS Spring Science Fair.

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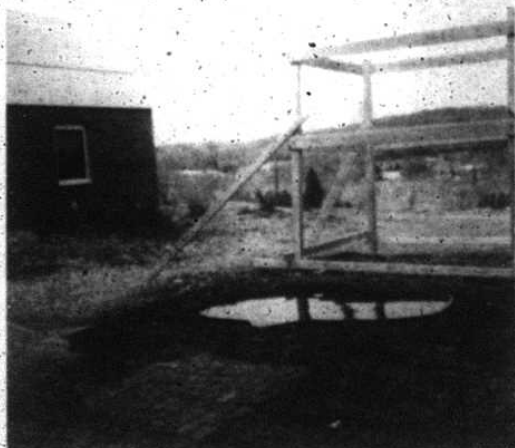


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Work is still underway for an outdoor classroom just outside the library. Mr. Reynolds' class is working on the project.

Work continues on outdoor classroom

BY JOSH ROWLAND

Through the window in the library, you stare at a wooden framed structure and some plants. You wonder, "What could that be?"

It is an outdoor classroom, a project that Mr. Roy Reynolds and his agriculture classes have been working that should be most enjoyable once it is finished.

"It's been an ongoing project for a couple of years, and it develops as we go," Mr. Reynolds said.

Recently, factors beyond their control have stalled their efforts.

"We can not work with the weather being bad as it has been," said Mr. Reynolds.

When the project is finished, there will be an archway beside a fountain where people will be able to take pictures and enjoy the beauty of the outside with the pleasant sight of blooming flowers.

Framing up the structure, fixing the fountain, and planting a couple more plants is all that needs to be completed at the time.

The agriculture department went through the Pride grant program to come up with the money to begin the project. At this time, the plants will cost \$1,000 alone.

"I hope all the future high schoolers benefit from our hard work," said senior Aaron Mobley.

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