

Local educators participate in National Curriculum Institute

Nancy Russell, Jennifer Mattingly, Susan Norton, Christa Rose, Regina Burton, Tammy Miller and Jason Coguer represented Rockcastle County at the 2001 Summer Curriculum Alignment Institute sponsored by the Southern Regional Education Board (SREB). SREB, the nation's first interstate compact for education, was created in 1948 by Southern governors. SREB helps educational and governmental leaders work cooperatively to advance education and, in doing so, improve the region's social and economic life.

The Summer Curriculum Alignment Institute was one of a series of professional development opportunities for educators participating in SREB's Making Schools Work school improvement initiative. Making Schools Work is designed to support schools in preparing all students to meet higher standards. Twenty-five school systems from seven states

participated in Making Schools Work during the 2000-2001 academic year. Berea College in Berea, was the site of the English/Language Arts Curriculum Institute. The Institute leaders were members of the SREB school improvement staff and the Council for Basic Education of Washington, D.C., an organization promoting curriculum that is strong in the basic subjects for all children in kindergarten through grade 12.

The purpose of the English/Language Arts Curriculum Institute was to provide time for educators to thoroughly examine their local school curriculum to make sure it supports high academic standards. Participants created a curriculum map and calendar, model lessons, sample assessments and a host of ideas for student assignments. The team representing Rockcastle County formulated an action plan for sharing this process with other faculty members.



Mindy Bullock, of Mt. Vernon, daughter of Lawrence and Phyllis G. Bullock, is attending a highly selective six-week residential program from June 13 to July 20, at the University of Kentucky Chandler Medical Center.

Bullock is among 43 college students attending the Professional Education Preparation Program (PEPP) which helps prepare students for a successful career in medicine or dentistry. Students are selected based on a record of academic excellence, outstanding standardized test scores, extracurricular activities and a written essay. The majority of students, selected to participate in PEPP are from areas of Kentucky with health professional shortages.

PEPP hopes to address the needs of rural areas by preparing students for the demands of the highly competitive health professions admissions process, as well as the challenges of a rigorous medical or dental school curriculum. Students attend courses designed to provide them with a foundation in science and math. They also learn about many areas of health care while visiting local hospitals and nursing homes in Lexington.

Cummins awarded Christian Leadership Scholarship

Stephanie Corrin Cummins, daughter of Joseph Cummins of Mt. Vernon, has been chosen to receive a Christian Leadership Scholarship from Cumberland College. The Cumberland College Christian Leadership Scholarship program exists to acknowledge the contributions of deserving students to their churches and to other Christian organizations.

The scholarships are given to incoming freshmen who have submitted two letters of verification, must submit an above average academic excellence, and must complete and document at least 75 hours of Christian leadership involvement each academic year.

Cummins attends Bible Baptist Church where Don Stayton is Pastor.

Carter attends Sullivan

Ashley Carter, a 2001 graduate of Rockcastle County High School, recently began her collegiate career at Sullivan University in Lexington. Ashley is currently pursuing an Associate degree in Medical Assisting. This program affords graduates a concentrated curriculum that enables students to enter their employment field in less than two years.

Sullivan University, Kentucky's largest private college or university, is accredited by the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools to award Associate, Bachelors and Masters degrees. Sullivan University offers programs in the fields of accounting, office administration, computer science, travel and tourism, business management and marketing and sales.



Ashley Carter

In addition, Sullivan also offers paramedical studies, medical office management, medical and clinical assisting, childcare management and Microsoft engineering programs.

Americorps Program at EKV looking for members to work with local school system

The AmeriCorps/Student Service Consortium Center for Service headquartered at Eastern Kentucky University is looking for individuals to work with school systems throughout Central and Southeastern Kentucky as AmeriCorps Members.

EKV's AmeriCorps Members will assist with all levels in literacy/tutoring programs in the local schools, serving full-time for 10-12 months, beginning Sept. 1, 2001. EKV's AmeriCorps sites include: Boyle County Schools, Casey County Schools, Clay County Schools, Corbin Independent Schools, Danville Independent Schools, East Bernstadt Independent Schools, Estill County Schools, Fayette County Schools, Garrard County Schools, Jackson County Schools, Madison County Schools, Model Laboratory School/EKV, Monicello Independent Schools, Powell County Schools, Pulaski County Schools, Rockcastle County Schools, Science Hill Independent Schools, and Wayne County Schools.

For their 1,700 hours of service, EKV AmeriCorps Members receive a living stipend of \$9300, and an education award of \$4,725 that can be applied toward past or future college expenses. 3 hours of EKV credit if eligible, free health care, child care benefits if eligible, and forbearance on education loans during their service period, with AmeriCorps paying the interest on the loans that accrues during their AmeriCorps service. The biggest benefit, though, may be the extensive service and professional experience and contacts with schools, agencies and communities that prove helpful in starting a career.

"Almost invariably," said Director Nancy Thames, "our AmeriCorps members go on to good jobs after their AmeriCorps service because of the extensive training, experiences, and networking opportunities the program provides. It definitely opens doors."

Applicants must be at least 18 years old and be a high school or

GED graduate with a commitment to serve their community, connecting the community with schools in meaningful literacy service activities and projects.

For more information about becoming an AmeriCorps Member, check out the EKV AmeriCorps web site at www.americorps.edu or call the AmeriCorps office at EKV, 859-622-6543. All positions must be filled by Sept. 1, 2001, so anyone interested should apply as soon as possible, Thames said. An application form is available on the Web at www.americorps.edu which can be submitted on-line.

Applications may also be acquired by calling the EKV AmeriCorps office at 859-622-6543.

According to Thames, AmeriCorps/SSCC addresses two of

the area's basic educational needs: raising the reading levels of students to grade level, and building citizenship skills through service.

"The area covered by our Consortium is well served by EKV's AmeriCorps program," Thames said, "AmeriCorps Literacy programs, which has been very positively received, fill a manpower need and provide much needed assistance in recruiting and training community volunteers."

During the past seven years, AmeriCorps/SSCC has already served as a vital resource for its partners. It has infused service-learning into over 4,000 classes, involving some 140,000 students performing about 500,000 hours of service in service-learning and literacy projects that have impacted well over 250,000 community members.

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- Sign up for Parent Teacher Group

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The mission of the Mt. Vernon Elementary School is to instill a love of learning that will help all students to reach their potential. We will work to provide a child-centered environment that empowers students to challenge themselves and take risks, through an active relationship between school, home and the community. We believe that preparing students for life is the most important reason for our work.



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The Rockcastle Kiwanis meets Thursday at noon at the Kastle Inn Restaurant. All visitors are welcome.

JobStart
Want to earn great prizes while learning new skills and increasing your chance of getting a great job? JobStart is the place for you. For more info, call Jennifer at 256-9612 or fax us at 256-8232. E-mail jobstart@kjh.net.

TOPS
(Take Off Pounds Sensibly) TOPS meets Thursday at 6 p.m. at Broadhead Christian Church basement on Main St. in Broadhead. For more info, call 1-800-932-TOPS or locally 758-4047.

Narcotics Anonymous
Tired of drugs and/or alcohol controlling your life? Come join us at Narcotics Anonymous, every Thursday at 8 p.m. behind Our Lady of Mt. Vernon Church, located on Williams St. in Mt. Vernon. For more info, call 256-9263.

Al-Anon
Al-Anon meets Tuesday nights at 8 p.m. behind Our Lady of Mt. Vernon Church on Williams St. in Mt. Vernon. For more info, call 256-2129.

Republican Party
Republican Party will meet second Monday of every month at Kastle Inn Restaurant at 6 p.m. until further notice.

VA Rep
VA Rep. Homer Vanciver, will be at the Rockcastle Courthouse first Tuesday of each month behind Judge's office. Call 1-877-773-7747.

Free Classes
The Rockcastle Fire Department will be offering FREE classes to help people stop smoking. The

classes are one hour once a week for 12 weeks and have a high rate of success. Classes will begin mid-September and at a time determined based on convenience for participants. If interested, please call the health department at 256-2242.

Bookmobile Schedule
Mon., Aug. 13th: Scaffold Creek, Disputants, Anglin Falls, Clear Creek, Wildie.
Tues., Aug. 14th: Buffalo, stops on Old Rd., Negro Creek, Ruston Park, Harmon Lick Rd., 1/4 mile off Hwy. 954, 4 to 8 p.m. Everyone welcome.

Weight Watchers
Come join us at Weight Watchers!! Meetings are every Monday night. Weight-in begins at 5:30 p.m. and the meeting begins at 6:00 p.m. Meetings are at Rockcastle Hospital and Respiratory Care Center in the basement (LPN Classroom).

Fish Fry
Cartersville Ruston Fish Fry, all you can eat, August 18th. Adults \$6, children, \$3. Cartersville Ruston Park, Harmon Lick Rd., 1/4 mile off Hwy. 954, 4 to 8 p.m. Everyone welcome.

Indian Tribe
Trail of Tears, Kentucky Indian Tribe meets the 2nd Saturday night of each month at 4 p.m. at the former R.J.'s Bakery in Broadhead.

Board Meeting
The Rockcastle County Board of Education will meet in special session Tuesday, August 14, 2001 at 7:00 p.m. at the Rockcastle County Board of Education Central Administrative Office. The public is welcome to attend.

Fish Fry
All you can eat fish fry Saturday, August 11th from 5:00-7:30 p.m. at the fire station in Conway. Adults \$5. Children \$3. Carry over available. Call 256-0000. All proceeds go to the Bridge Ridge Volunteer Fire Dept.

Legal Notice

In accordance with Chapter 65 and 424 of the Kentucky Revised Statutes the following information and supporting data may be inspected by the general public at Rt. 4 Box 374A, Hwy. 150, Mt. Vernon, KY 40456 between the hours of 7:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Rockcastle County Conservation District.

Roy Brown, Chairman Rt. 1 Broadhead, KY 40409	Lloyd Cain P.O. Box 186 Mt. Vernon, KY 40456
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Joe Bullen Rt. 3 Box 96 Mt. Vernon, KY 40456	

Summary Financial Statement Rockcastle County Conservation District

For Fiscal Period July 1, 2000 to June 30, 2001

Beginning Cash on hand	\$70,772.16
Revenues	
Fiscal Court	\$20,764.69
State Aid	\$2,793.49
Equipment Usage & Rentals	4,056.90
Equipment Payments	32,010.09
Reimbursements & Contributions	4,517.29
Other Receipts	1,670.00
Interest	5,860.10
Total Receipts	\$151,672.56
Expenditures	
Salaries	\$17,252.25
Office Operations	9,874.12
Education & Promotion	5,006.01
Supervisors Expenses	5,243.46
Equipment Payments	34,339.16
Miscellaneous	70,673.40
Total Expenditures	\$142,388.40
Ending Balance on hand June 30, 2000	\$80,056.32