#### **Cummins completes** Rogers Scholars session

Kentucky Bluegrass

coming to Roundstone

Awards program

Amanda Kay Cummins, a junior at Rockrasjle County High School, recently returned from Somerset where she participated in The Center for Rural Development's Rogers. Schodar session. The atteination of the Center for Rural Development's Rogers in Southern and Eastern Kentucky.

The heart of The Center for Rural Development's mission is 'that no young person's mill fined to leave home to find history for future. These words, sopken by Cingressman Hall Rogers, the program's namesake, fisme its goals of encouraging youths to seek job opportunities at home while in-creasing their marketable skills in the field of telecommunications. We want to teach the young person of or of the control of the communications. tield of telecommunications. We want to teach the young people of our region confidence, skills and a deeper commitment to their hometowns and this state," says Hilda Gay Legg, ex-ecutive director, and CEO of The

Center.

During the intensive one-week session students took classes in engineering, computer networking, video production and web page development. They received etiquette training to learn which fork to use and ballroom danced their way through a

formal dinner. Students also participated in entrepreneurial training sessions, planned projects to take soins, planned projects to take communities and met with some of the bross influential and interesting people of our time.

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logical and urged the Scholars to ex-plore technology and entrepreneurial fields.

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During the week, Cummins took part in exercises such as a climbing bar to exercise such as a climbing signed to build leadership and cooperation. The most useful part of my week as a Rogers Scholar, said Cummins, "was to leain how to be leader and still work as a group. Being chosen for Rogers Scholar," said cummins, "was to leain how to be leader and still work as a group. Being chosen for Rogers Scholars involved a highly competitive process. Cummins had to have an impressive grade pointavenge and complete an essay entitled. "How telectrommunications will affect rural. Kentucky in the year 2023," Showing active participating in the community was also a requirement. Amanda Cumminis is the daughter of Earl and Norma Cummins of Mt. Vernon.

will be encouraged to read and rate books on the recommended list along with students from all over the state. Ballots will be counted, and the win-ners announced, in May 2002. For more information about the Kentucky Bluegrass Awards and the Kentucky Reading Association, see

Asst. Police Chief Eddie Delaney receives School's Open - Drive Care fully/posters from AAA representative.

## School's Open-**Drive Carefully**

A new school year is beginning and Mt. Vernon Police Chief Will-iam Mink and the Blue Grass Auto Club Safety Foundation remind mo-torists that "School's Open-Drive Carefulus." Carefully

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Since 1988, 237 school-age pedestrians have died in school bus-related crashes, half of them between ages of 5 and 7, according to the National Highway Traffic Safety

ages of 5 and 7, according to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.
"If's up to motorists to take extra precautions when driving in areas with school age children," says Lilla Mason, director of the AAA Blue Grass Safety Foundation. Some of these kids have very little experience in traffic situations.

The opening of school is very nectice for everyone," said Mason. "Children are excited to be going back to school and to their friends. Parents are trying to get to work and set their children in oschool on time. Often, hey're distracted and may not set the children to school on time. AAA's annual School's Open-Drive Carefully campaign alerts motivates to the special risks to school-age children. In the campaign, AAA emphasize that driving carefully begins even before you leave your driveway.

The key is to expect the unexpected, "asy Schief Mink, There could be kids walking or biking to school right behind you as you back.

out of your driveway. When driving in school zones, near playgrounds, or in neighborhoods where children play, expect a child to dart out into the roadway. That way, you'll never to taken by surprise and be able to stop in time."

AAA reminds drivers that children are not small adults. It's difficult for them to judge traffic situations because their peripheral vision is one-hird narrower than an adult's. Children may also mistakenly assume the properties of the driver was the children may also mistakenly assume the driver. dren may also mistakenly assume that if they can see a car, the driver can see them.

To help protect children, AAA

urges motorists to follow these safety tips:

• Stow down in or near school and residential areas:

• Drive with your headlights on, evenduring the day, so kids and other drivers can see you.

• Look for clues such as School Safety Patrols, bicycles and playgrounds that indicate children could be in the area.

• Scan between parked cars and

other objects for signs that kids could dart out into the road.

• Practice extra caution in bad

Always stop for school buses that are loading or unloading stu-

dents.

"Remember, back to school means back to basic driver safety," concluded Mason. "School's open, drive carefully."

#### Health and safety tips for back to school

throughout Kentucky as students re-turn to classes.

The Cabinet for Health Services wants to make sure all children have a healthy and safe school experjence. One of the best ways to help children be healthy is to make sure they have

health insurance.
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"A child's health is a major factor in their success in school," asid Gov. Paul Patton. "The KIDS NOW limitatives aimed at the early childhood years are improving the health of kindle and the sure improving the health of kindle and the sure improving the health of kindle and early the sure improving the health of kindle and early the sure improving the sure in the sure

National Immunication Awareness Month Immunication Awareness Month Immunications protect your child and others from serious, life threatening infections. Styring this year, children ages 19 months to 7 years old who attend school or day care are required to have the Varicella (chickings) styring the Warington of the Warington o

scheduled to get tetenus/diptheria boosters of the fourth dose of diptheria/tetanus and pertussis may have them deferred until 2002. If so, provisional certificates will be issued

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A state program, part of the governor's Early Childhood Initiative called KIDS NOW. helps pay for vaccines for children whose insur-ance does not cover immunizations.

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Watch for drastic changes in grades or behavior. Be on the look out for drug use or other inappropriate behavior. If you think your child is disp tobacco, my to get them to child about permutily, all to you child about shool and other parts of their life.

\*Make sure your child gets plenty, or dies in the standard meals and healthy snacks, and exergises on a regular basis,

\*If your child walks to school or dies the bus, make sure they know the safety rules about where to, cross the street and appropriate behavior on the bus. When you drive near a school, obey the traffic laws and be on the look outgot children.

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\* If your child has an airergy to a food or drug, please notify the school and ask that this information be placed in his her records and inform the teacher.

### Subscribe to the Signal

# Lois Cameron, Média Specialist at Roundstone Elementary School, attended a state wide conference for school librarians in Georgetown, KY on July 26. Ms. Cameron was awarded free books for Roundstone Elementary School from the Kentucky Reading Association. Book publishers donated the books to schools that had not previously participated in the Kentucky Bluegrass Awards (KBA) program, the Kentucky Children's choice award. The books awarded to the local school are current titles from the KBA list of recommended books. Kentucky Reading Association, see www.kyreading.org, More than 400 Kentucky school librarians attended the Kentucky Media Specialist Refresher. The an-nual event was co sponsored by the Kentucky School Media Association, and the KY Department of Educa-tion. spoiler, wheels. \$7,950 Toyota Certified Used Vehicles. More than meets the eye. What You Get

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