

RCMS selected to participate in study

Rockcastle Middle School was selected as one of nine high-performing middle schools from across the nation selected to participate in an evaluative study sponsored by the U.S. Department of Education and conducted by the Charles A. Dana Center at the University of Texas at Austin.

This project sought to understand the characteristics of turnaround middle schools as well as how these schools improved performance. In order to be selected, each school had to meet the following criteria:

- score at or above the state average in both reading/language arts and mathematics on state specified tests;
- show some growth rates in both reading/language arts and mathematics for a multi-year period; and
- be recommended by experts in middle grade education as a school that is a good place for students.

Three project members conducted a four-day site visit to the

school between November 13 and 16, 2001. During the site visit, the team interviewed principals, teachers, district administrators, and community members to capture (a) the essential features of turnaround middle schools, and (b) the essential features of the change process that facilitates the evolution of improved schools.

The Dana Center will use this information to produce an in-depth case study of the school, as well as contribute to a cross-case analysis that emphasizes the nine schools' common practices and policies. This report, which will be released in December 2002, by the U.S. Department of Education, will inform schools attempting similar reform efforts, as well as policy makers and interested parties about what practices and procedural knowledge are necessary for school change to be successful. It will provide information and recommendation that can be

used in understanding and improving education services for students in middle schools.

The Charles A. Dana Center at the University of Texas at Austin works to support education leaders and policymakers in strengthening education for all students. Our studies

on successful schools and districts have been widely cited and has resulted in nationally acclaimed reports such as the 1997 study *Successful Texas Schoolwide Programs* (www.starcenter.org/promise/research.htm) and, more recently, *Hope for Urban Education*, published by the U.S. Department of Education in 1999 (www.ed.gov/pubs/urbanhope/). These studies' findings inform our work with school districts to strengthen their education systems.

For more information about the Dana Center, visit udanacenter.org.

RCMS Y-Club is Louisville bound

By: Melinda Coffey

After the Rockcastle Rockets Football Team returns from Louisville on Saturday, another group of Rockcastle County High School students will be preparing to depart for Louisville. Over forty members of the RCMS Y-Club will depart on Sunday afternoon on their way to Louisville. In Louisville this group of students along with thousands of students from all over the state will participate in the Kentucky Youth Assembly.

At KYA these students will participate in various roles in a mock government system, modeled after the government of Kentucky. This mock government is divided into three groups. The Premier Program is for freshmen and sophomores; the Regular Program is for juniors and the Congressional Program which is for seniors.

The head of the assembly is the governor and to obtain this position you run for the office in the year prior to the year you serve in the position of Governor. This year Aaron Anderkin, an RCMS Junior, will be running for the office of Governor of the 2002 KYA Assembly.

The Governor is in charge of signing or vetoing all the bills that pass through both the House and Senate Chambers on the conference. Josh Hale an RCMS delegate will be working with the Governor at this year's assembly as a member of the Governor's Cabinet. Another RCMS student, Cody Alexander, will be working with the Premier Governor as a member of the Premier Governor's Cabinet.

During this year's assembly, Brian Reynolds and Jamie Orrell, both of RCMS, will also be serving in leadership position. Brian campaigning to be on the Leadership Team and Jamie will be campaigning to be on the Premier Leadership Team.

Rockcastle will be presenting four of many bills at this year's conference. The authors of Rockcastle's bills are Daphne Adams, Courtney Adams and Amber Thacker (all are seniors), Travis Burton and Ashley Cottrell (both juniors), Megan Parker, Katie Parsons, Matt Allen, Kaitlyn Cash, Jackson Bray, Genna Cummings, Jordan Hall and Josh Lovell (all of which are freshmen).

The presenters (authors) of these

bills will face the questions and speeches of delegates at the conference who are in favor or in opposition to their bills. In addition to these delegates, Audrey Burke and Sarah Mullins along with many other delegates will serve as Lobbyists and speak in favor or opposition of their assigned bills.

Another aspect of the conference is the Mock Court System, which is modeled after Kentucky's Supreme Court. This year Lauren Clontz, an RCMS sophomore, will serve as a justice in the court. Anna Guilfoill and Allison Anderkin will also be involved in the court system at this year's conference. They will work together as lawyers and present a case before the justices.

The final aspect of this conference is the Media Corps. This group of delegates writes articles about what is going on throughout the assembly. They interview people and sit in on debates in order to get information for their articles, which are published in the conference newspaper. This year Melinda Coffey is the RCMS Media Representative.

All these aspects when put together make up the Kentucky Youth Assembly. Each year all the students who attend prepare and take on the roles of our State's government officials. The purpose of this conference is to provide an understanding of our state's government and to encourage students to take on leadership roles. These students will be representing their schools and will be debating, presenting their ideas and serving in leadership roles in hopes of making changes for the betterment of their state.

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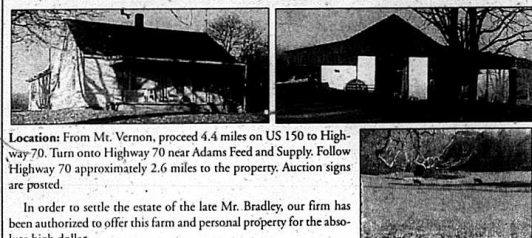
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Saturday, December 1, 2001 • 1:30 p.m.

Ottawa Section of Rockcastle County



Location: From Mt. Vernon, proceed 4.4 miles on US 150 to Highway 70. Turn onto Highway 70 near Adams Feed and Supply. Follow Highway 70 approximately 2.6 miles to the property. Auction signs are posted.

In order to settle the estate of the late Mr. Bradley, our firm has been authorized to offer this farm and personal property for the absolute high dollar.

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Tract 8: This tract has 10.0368 acres and is improved with a house, garage, barn and two ponds.

The above pictured aluminum siding house offers 3 bedrooms, 1 bath, living room and a kitchen downstairs, a large multi-purpose room upstairs, and a full basement. Added features include: storm doors and windows; fuel oil heat and front and back porches. City water is available on the road and water to the house supplied by a spring.

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Personal Property: 3 pc. Maple bedroom suite * chifferobe * blanket chest * Early American style living room suite * 3 pc. blonde bedroom suite * 2 iron beds * chest of drawers * library table * Singer electric sewing machine * child's rocker with ottoman * table * rectangular mirror * chair * recliner * gossip bench * old oak stand table * Don Enser Print "That Hat" * Kimball breakfast set with four chairs * oak rocking chairs * dresser with bevel-edged mirror * bookcase type full size bed * 5 drawer chest of drawers * desk and chair.

Kelvinator electric range * Hotpoint no-frost Refrigerator * white GE automatic washer * white Kenmore heavy duty dryer * Sears chest-type deep freezer * kitchen utility cabinet with glass doors * kitchen utility table * Sharp Microwave * electric toaster * microwave oven (still in the box) * granite pieces * several kerosene lamps * kerosene heater * stoneware pitcher * Sinclair Oil advertising sign (1 ft. diameter) * milk glass milk jugs * 2 Carnival footed bowls * glass pitcher * vinegar cruet * hen on nest * Corningware * Carnival bowl * Carnival candy dish * 7 silver dollars * 11 old quarters * 100 Kennedy Half Dollars * 60 1964 Kennedy Half Dollars * silver certificates (\$1.00 and \$5.00) * Buffalo nickels * Wheat pennies.

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magazine rack * metal bookshelf * electric fans * record player * floor type ash tray * electric heater * electric clock * dishes * cookware * pots and pans * gas stove * old kitchen cabinet (needs work) * several old quilts * small railroad lanterns * lawn chairs * saws * levels * drills * hand tools of all descriptions * 2 old head lights * machinist tools * 2 car ramps * cords * grease guns * extension ladders * plus much more

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NOTE: The purchaser of a single family residence, built before 1978, has a maximum of 10 days to inspect the property for the presence of lead based paint. The period for inspection begins November 21st through November 31st, 2001. All bidders must sign a waiver of the 10 day post sale inspection period.

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PUBLIC FORUM

The Rockcastle County Local Planning Committee will conduct a **PUBLIC FORUM** on Thursday, December 13, 2001 at the Roundstone Elementary School Gymnasium at 6:00 p.m. This meeting is an informal gathering to encourage local participation through community suggestions relative to future utilization of existing school facilities and construction of new school centers. These community suggestions or recommendations will be closely monitored by the Local Planning Committee in the development of a proposed Master Educational Facility Plan and District Facility Plan for Rockcastle County Schools.

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