

Project Graduation 2003 plans in the making

Plans for Project Graduation 2003 are underway, even though the snowy weather has caused cancellation of many of the weekly Monday night meetings. Project Graduation, in its 16th year at RCHS, provides a safe and drug-free environment for seniors on their graduation night.

Parents of the senior class are currently soliciting donations from local businesses and individuals. This is one of the ways parents can help their child earn Rocket Bucks that will be redeemed by the student on Project Graduation 2003 Night.

Senior students will again be selling Avon to earn Rocket bucks and

to help fund activities. Friday night's Homecoming basketball game, against North Laurel, will be the kick-off of just one of the planned raffles that will hopefully bring in a large part of the needed funds to meet the \$30,000 goal. Chances for \$5 each will be sold on a 2003 Honda 250 Recon 4-Wheeler at the game.

The Project Graduation 2003 committee urges everyone to help support this worthwhile endeavor. Parents of the graduating class are encouraged to attend the weekly Monday night meetings held at RCHS at 7 p.m.

Check the Signal or listen to WRVK for reminders.

Cumberland announces Presidents & Dean's List

The Cumberland College office of the vice president for Academic Affairs announces that Gretchen Rose Phillips of Mt. Vernon was named to the President's List for the Fall 2002 semester.

Named to the Dean's List for the same period were Amber Camille

Thacker of Crab Orchard and John Alexander Tyler of Mt. Vernon.

Full-time students who have obtained a cumulative scholastic standing of 4.0 and have no grade of "I" are eligible for the President's List. Students with a cumulative scholastic standing of 3.5 are eligible for the Dean's List.



February 9-15, 2003 declared Career and Technical Education Week

Governor Paul Patton has declared the week of February 9-15, 2003 as Career and Technical Education Week in Kentucky. KY Tech Schools and High School across Kentucky will be participating in many activities to bring awareness to technical programs available to students. Mayor Clarence Kirby (center), signs a proclamation in observance of Career and Technical Education in Rockcastle County. KY Tech teachers Gerald Hammons (standing) and Rhonda Childress (right of Mayor), and student Dustin Robinson (left of Mayor) were present to witness the signing of the proclamation.

Twelve Rockcastle County students make SCC Dean's List

Twelve Somerset Community College students from Rockcastle County were named to the Fall Semester 2002 Dean's List.

In order to be honored as a member of the SCC Dean's List, a student must maintain a 3.5 Grade Point Average (GPA) and be a full-time student at Somerset Community College. A full-time student must take classes totaling 12 credit-hours during a semester, excluding developmental classes.

Somerset Community College is a comprehensive two-year institution of higher education. SCC has campuses in Somerset and London, a center in McCreary County and another center under construction in Clinton County. The website is www.somcc.kctc.edu <<http://www.somcc.kctc.edu>>

Call for admission and registration information toll free at 1-877-629-9722.

A recent survey of SCC graduates revealed that more than 85 percent would choose to attend Somerset Community College, if they had it to do, over again.

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Those named to the Dean's List from Rockcastle County were: Broedhead - Michele Mobley, Harold L. Price and Gary Lee Roberts. Mount Vernon - Jamie A. McFerron, Terry M. Cromer, Melissa J. French, Mistia L. Houk, Jennifer B. Kirby, Jeremy D. Neesley and Jeffery Shannon Hayes. Orlando - Christopher D. McGuire and Jimmy Ray Strunk.

FFA Alumni Auction held

The Rockcastle Co. FFA Alumni held their annual Alumni Auction Friday, February 7 with very good attendance. A delicious meal was served and a good time had by everyone.

A special thank you to the following businesses and individuals for their contributions to the auction: Adams Feed & Supply, A Cut Above, Aletha's Flowers, Amy Parker, Appliance Service Center, Barlow Farm Equipment, Beng's Farm Supply, Bishop's Tire, Brodhead Farm Supply, County Judge/Executive Buzz Carlolis, Cox Florist, Cox Hardware, Dabney Feed Supply, Dogwood Gifts and Crafts and Garden Center, Farm Credit Services, Farmer's Supply, Food World, Godfather's Pizzeria.

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Southeastern Farm Supply, Southern States of Somerset, Stephanie Harmon, Subway, Sylvia's Cat & Cat, Taylor Produce, Teresa Jackson Ins., Circuit Court Clerk Teresa Vanzant, The Cutting Edge Bookery, Shepherd and Karen Robinson, Touch of Class, Town & Country Chevon, Tractor Supply of London, Valley Farm Equipment, Vicki Bradley, Warden Alexander, Willene Burton and Young's Pharmacy.

We would also like to thank Jeryl Bullock and Lisa Allen for preparing our meal; Eric, Roy Donovan and Roy Adams, our auctioneers, for doing an outstanding job and members of the alumni for contributing in various ways.

We also want to thank everyone for attending and purchasing our items.

Sincerely,
The Rockcastle Co. FFA Alumni

Minds in the Middle

Congratulations to 8th grader Katelyn Williams! Katelyn represented the Comets team in the school-wide spelling bee Tuesday and won first place. She will compete in the District Spelling Bee on Thursday morning. The school spelling bee was a competition between the spelling bee winners from each of the six teams. We are also very proud of the team winners: John Lambert (Veyagers), Arianna Palmer (Enterprisers), Melinda Thomason (Adventurers), Chris Denny (Challengers), and Joey Chastain (Shooting Stars).

The RCHS academic team won the Kathryn Hume Sportsmanship Award at the District Governor's Cup competition over the weekend.

The Future Problem solving team consisting of Michael Navvinkle, Anna Reynolds, Ashly Dollins, and Joey Chastain came in second in their competition. Holly Brown placed fifth in the Language Arts written assessment. Josh Blary placed fifth in the math written assessment. Anna Reynolds placed fifth in written composition. These students will now be participating in the regional competition.

Next Tuesday, we will be doing the NAEP (National Assessment of

Educational Progress) test with randomly selected eighth graders. If your child has been selected to participate, you should have received a letter explaining more about the test. The test measures student achievement in various subjects and gives a comparison to other eighth graders around the nation. Any questions about NAEP can be directed to Ms. Cromer at 256-5141.

On Wednesday, the eighth graders enjoyed a dramatic program entitled *Boy Meets Girl Meets Shakespeare*.

On Thursday, the boys basketball teams will be taking on Clay County and next Monday they will be playing Northern Pulaski.

YSC Update

Research has found that the home is an important factor in determining a student's ability to learn. Students are better able to learn when parents are involved. When parents take the time to help students study, they are likely to learn more. That makes home and school more enjoyable.

Contact YSC to receive pamphlets and information on a variety of topics including being involved with your child's teacher, helping your child learn, and motivation.

4-H Variety Show scheduled

By John McQueary
Co. Ext. Agent for 4-H/Youth Dev.

Now is the time for all 4-H'ers to begin their preparation for the County 4-H Variety Show. The show will be held on March 18, 2003, 6:30 p.m. at Mt. Vernon Elementary School. This event consists of specialty and club acts and is held annually on the county and area level. It provides an opportunity for large numbers of 4-H participants to gain poise and confidence and develop character and sportsmanship while working cooperatively with others.

Clubs planning to participate need to carefully read over and follow the following rules and guidelines.

1. Specialty Acts shall consist of four (4) 4-H participants or fewer and have a time limit of four minutes. 4-H club may have up to 2 specialty acts. Specialty acts will be divided into junior and senior divisions. Anyone in a specialty act who is 14 years of age by January 1, 2003, will be in the senior division.
2. There must 2 participants or more for a Club Act. Club acts have a time limit of 8 minutes.
3. Only one person other than 4-H participants, such as a pianist, may accompany the act. Other than the one accompanist, only 4-H participants may appear on the stage during the act.
4. Variety Show participants may only represent one club and must remain within their own grade and home room.
5. There shall be absolutely no pantomiming in any act, club or specialty.

9. Please use good judgment on stage.

10. An act exceeding the time limit specified will be permitted to finish but will not be awarded Champion.
11. Since participation is of the utmost importance, the combination of clubs for the purpose of presenting a club or specialty act is not permitted.
12. Dramatic readings can be entered, as a variety show act.
13. All acts must use the same P.A. system. No act will be allowed to provide their system.
14. Leaders must take care of their act music. (Have tapes or CD set at starting point.)
15. Each school will sit together until time for their acts. Club leaders are responsible for keeping their group together and quiet. Parents should be recruited to help as chaperones.
16. All acts will not be charged.
17. All acts will receive either a red or blue ribbon, according to their score. (No green ribbons will be given). The First Place Specialty and Club Acts will also receive a Champion Ribbon. First and Second Place acts will receive plaques.

Registration information will include:

1. Name of Act
2. Type of music that will be used (tape, CD, piano, etc.)
3. Number of participants
4. Names of participants if it is a Specialty Act
5. All acts will receive either a red or blue ribbon, according to their score. (No green ribbons will be given). The First Place Specialty and Club Acts will also receive a Champion Ribbon. First and Second Place acts will receive plaques.

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