



Regional winners at opening and closing ceremonies. From left: Scott Miller, Parliamentarian; Jeff Todd, Reporter; Stephen Powell, Treasurer; Chad Francisco, President; Derrick Burdette, Secretary; Mike Miller, Vice-President and Coby Neal, Chaplain.

## VICA Club participates in Southeast Region competition

On Friday, February 14th, the Rockcastle County Skills USA VICA Club participated in the Southeast Region Skills and Leadership competition at Somerset Community College South, in London. The Skills USA Vocational Industrial Clubs of America hold local, regional, state, national and international contests each year that allow students to showcase technical skills and leadership qualities learned in their training areas. The Rockcastle Club sent 39 local winners, who earned the right to compete at the regional contests in London. They were:

Jason Abney, Jonas Adams, Chris Alexander, Tanner Allen, Todd Atglin, Derrick Burdette, Dustin Burdette, Jessica Byrd, Jeff Carpenter, Jacob Cooper, Willie Cooper, Anthony Cummins, Mark Dyehouse, Chad Francisco, Charles Hensley, Sabrina Hensley, John Kerns, Dustin Lear, Alex Martin, Matt Miller, Scotty Miller, Mike Mills, Coby Neal, Adam Pagette, Rodney Payne, Stephen Powell, Mikah Reap, Emily Reynolds, Billy Robinson, Dustin Robinson, Billy Shackelford, Curtis Wayne Smith, Chris Sparks.

Danny Taylor, Brandon Thomas, Donald Thompson, Jeff Todd, Kinsey Tucker and Jackie Weaver.

These students from the Area Technology Center went up against

winners from other vocational/technical schools and colleges from: Bell Co. ATC, Clay Co. ATC, Knott Co. ATC, Jackson Co. ATC, Laurel Technical College, Southeast Community College and Somerset Community College South Campus.

Rockcastle County won 16 first, 16 seconds and 12 third place individual medals and chapter trophies for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place opening and closing ceremony officer team and 1st place for outstanding chapter.

The following is a list of regional winners from the Rockcastle County club and the contests they participated in:

First place gold medal winners: Officer Team Opening and Closing Ceremonies: Derrick Burdette, Chad Francisco, Scotty Miller, Mike Mills, Coby Neal, Stephen Powell and Jeff Todd.

Outstanding Chapter: Emily Reynolds.

Job Skill Demonstration: Stephen Powell.

Prepared Speech: Adam Pagette.

Chapter Display: Danny Taylor.

Residential Electricity: Chad Francisco.

Automotive Technology: Rodney Payne.

Welding Technology: Dustin Robinson.

Industrial Motor Controls: Coby Neal.

Action Skills: Brandon Thomas.

Second Place Silver Medal Winners:

JO Officer Teams Opening and Closing Ceremonies: Jeff Carpenter, John Kerns, Dustin Lear, Matt Miller, Rodney Payne, Donald Thompson and Jackie Weaver.

Extemporaneous Speech: Sabrina Hensley.

Industrial Motor Controls: Jacob Cooper.

Promotional Bulletin Board: Jessica Byrd.

Job Interview: Mark Dyehouse.

Automotive Technology: Dustin Lear.

Residential Electricity: Alex Martin.

Action Skills: Chris Sparks.

Job Demonstration: Scotty Miller.

Prepared Speech: Billy Robinson.

Third place Bronze Medal Winners:

Officer Teams Opening and Closing Ceremonies: Chris Alexander, Tanner Allen, Dustin Burdette, Jacob Cooper, Anthony Cummins, Sabrina Hensley and Kinsey Tucker.

Action Skills: Willie Cooper.

Prepared Speech: Charles Hensley.

Job Interview: Alex Martin.

Extemporaneous Speech: Curtis Wayne Smith.

Industrial Motor Control: Jeff Todd.

First place finishers will advance to state competition at Central Ky. Technical College at Lexington, March 26-29, 2003.

## 2003 FFA Week kicks-off

By: Jamey Robinson

FFA chapter reporter

During the week of February 15-22, members of the 144 Kentucky FFA chapters, along with the countless other FFA chapters across the country will join together to celebrate the most important days of our organization's history.

FFA Week always includes George Washington's birthday, in observance of his leadership in promoting scientific farming practices. Washington is considered the patron saint of the FFA and has come to symbolize the FFA treasurer.

Early leaders who molded American came from farms and plantations. Former statesmen of the past, such

as George Washington and Thomas Jefferson, have served as models for leadership development. These same heroes of our nation and her agriculture, inspire FFA members to achieve the same level of, if not greater, success than they themselves did. The FFA theme for 2003 is "One Mission: Student Success" on this, our 75th anniversary, of continued development through agriculture education.

Since the Kentucky FFA was organized in 1920, we have held the purpose of promoting leadership, cooperation and citizenship among some 13,500 plus high school agriculture students. America's greatest heroes on investment has, and will continue to, come in the form of its youth, who have dedicated themselves to the development of their communities.

Agriculture education and the FFA are helping to prepare young people for careers in agriculture or whatever future they decide to make for themselves from the great skills they have learned from their advisors.



Rockcastle Co. FFA with County Judge/Executive Buzz Carlotis signing the proclamation for FFA Week. From row from left: Heather Adams, Judge Carlotis and Brianna Bussell. Back row from left: Matthew Whitaker, Nathan Doan, Jamey Robinson and Daniel Bustle.

### Three earn honors at Lindsey Wilson

Three Rockcastle County students have earned academic honors for the 2002 Fall Semester at Lindsey Wilson College. One student has been named to the President's List and two were named to the Dean's List.

Named to the President's List is Vanessa Mink, an undeclared junior from Mt. Vernon.

Named to the Dean's List are: Crystal Mink, an elementary education P-5 junior from Mt. Vernon and Chelsie Stratton, an elementary education P-5 sophomore from Wildie.

Students named to the President's List have a 4.0 grade point average on a 4.0 scale and are enrolled in at least 12 hours. Students named to the Dean's List have a grade point average of 3.8 to 3.99 and are enrolled in at least 12 hours.

### Brodhead student named to Dean's List at University of Vermont

April Kane of Brodhead has been named to the Dean's List for the fall 2002 semester at the University of Vermont. Kane is a freshman majoring in Environmental Science in the College of Arts & Sciences.

To be named to the Dean's List, students must have a grade-point average of 3.0 or better and rank in the top 20 percent of their class in their respective college or school.

### Babysitter

Want to do babysitting?

If interested, please call

256-2732 or 256-3869

### Rockcastle graduate named Middle School Art Teacher of the Year

The Kentucky Art Education Association recently named Stephanie Pope-Martinez, Kentucky Middle School Art Teacher of the Year for 2002.

Mrs. Pope-Martinez is the daughter of Gordon and Kathryn Pope and the granddaughter of Edna Pope of Mt. Vernon and Patsy and Steve Medlin of Barry.

A 1992 graduate of Rockcastle County High School, Mrs. Pope-Martinez earned her B.A. degree in fine arts at the University of Nevada-Reno in 1996 and an MA Degree/Teachers Certification at the University of Louisville in 1998.

She has been teaching art at Mason County Middle School in Maysville since 1999.

Mrs. Pope-Martinez is also the regional director for the Burley Coal Region for the Kentucky Art Education Association and often presents

at conferences across the state, sharing lesson ideas and her zest for teaching art.

She resides in Carlisle with her husband, Eric.



Stephanie Pope-Martinez



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If you are interested in participating or need additional information, contact Brandon Reynolds at 606-256-5649 or 606-256-2125. Email breynolds@rockcastle.k12.ky.us

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Rockcastle Telecommunications Center located on the 3rd floor of the Rockcastle Courthouse offers four public access computers with high speed internet access and Microsoft Office applications, and best of all it's free of charge!



### HOURS OF OPERATION

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| Tuesday   | 1:00 PM-8:00 PM |
| Wednesday | 1:00 PM-8:00 PM |
| Thursday  | 1:00 PM-8:00 PM |

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## READ ACROSS AMERICA! MARCH 3rd-7th

Rockcastle County Schools supports Read Across America during March! Each elementary school in the county along with their AmeriCorp members have planned activities to celebrate this special time! Onsite reading activities are planned including guest readers via videoconference at Rockcastle Telecommunications Center! Contact your child's school for specific information regarding activities and events during Read Across America!



## Rockcastle Co. High School Parent/Teacher Conference

Conference with your child's teachers and see how they are progressing in each class!



**February 28, 2003  
3:10-6:10 PM at RCHS**