

The end of the line: KUNA 2003

By Mackenzie Marrie
It was a beautiful three days, and with an excellent ending! But, more important than anything, it was a marvelous experience for both newcomers and second or third-time attendees.

All three grades from Rockcastle County Middle School, sixth, seventh and eighth, represented each of their countries extremely well. A combined performance by the student ambassadors (an African song and dance, complete with accompaniment on African instruments) was

the highlight of the International Stage. Seventh grade proposal authors, representing Kenya, created a proposal to enforce laws to protect Africa's animal population from poachers. This well-written bill was passed in the committee, the Summit and, finally, heard in the General Assembly where it was also passed. This is not to say, by any means, that the three other bills written by RCMS delegates were not wonderful and thought provoking.

Anna Reynolds campaigned for one of the seven Summit President positions. On Sunday night, she gave her speech in front of the entire General Assembly which consists of more than one thousand delegates. After a bit of suspense, her name was called along with the six others who would join her as Summit Presidents during the remainder of the conference.

Josh Nation, who lobbied for the state office of Secretary General, delivered a strong speech on Monday night in hopes of being elected as the 2004 Secretary General.

Unfortunately, competition was fierce and Aakim Mehta of Sacred Heart Model School defeated him. But, all was not lost. On the final day of the Kentucky United Nations Assembly, Rockcastle County Middle School was presented with the award of "Best Delegation." This honor has only been achieved once before in RCMS's history. This credible state recognition could not have been achieved had it not been for the efforts of Josh Nation, Anna Reynolds and more importantly, all Rockcastle County delegates working together as a team and representing Sierra Leone, Togo, Kenya and Nigeria, we represented everyone in our school and county.

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Sixth graders from RCMS were first-time delegates to the Kentucky United Nations Assembly. They represented the country of Nigeria, front row from left: Jeff Albright, Pam Johnson, Elizabeth Dooley, Rachel Woodall, Katy Mattingly and Morgan Harper. Back row from left: John Lambert, Meghan Nation, Logan Kincer and Chris Winn.



Anna Reynolds, 8th grader from RCMS, was successful in her run for state office at KUNA. Anna was elected as a Summit President. She is shown with fellow student, Michael VanWinkle, who served as her Summit Assistant.

ATTENTION VOTERS!

The Rockcastle County Board of Elections have made the following changes in locations for voting precincts effective with the May 20th Primary Election. These changes were made as a convenience to the voters, especially during bad weather.

The Following Changes Have Been Made:

SOUTHEAST MT. VERNON

From Library, to Rockcastle Middle School

WEST MT. VERNON

From Poplar St. building to Rockcastle Middle School

EAST MT. VERNON

From Parking Lot by Cox Hardware to Mt. Vernon Elementary

NORTH MT. VERNON

From Fire Dept. Bldg. to Mt. Vernon Elementary School

NORTH BRODHEAD

From City Hall to Brodhead Elementary School

WEST BRODHEAD

From Senior Citizens' Bldg. to Brodhead Elementary School

EAST LIVINGSTON

From Fire Dept. to Old Livingston School Gym

ROUNDTONE

From Building on School Property to Roundtone Elementary School

All other precinct locations will remain the same as in the past!

If you have questions concerning where you will vote or to make any comments, please call the county clerk's office at 256-2831.



RCMS 8th graders who served as Ambassadors from Sierra Leone at the 2003 Kentucky United Nations Assembly, seated, from left: Mackenzie Marrie and Kaitlin Williams. Second row from left: Josh Nation (candidate for Secretary General), Kim Cottrell, Victoria Conner and Chris Hart. Third row from left: Josh Garrison, Douglas Dell Popper, Casey McCurt, Justin Lear, Emily Whitaker and Meredith Robinson.



These RCMS 7th graders, representing Kenya at the Kentucky United Nations Assembly, brought home two state awards, outstanding proposal and best placard. Front row from left: Gary Keith Caldwell, Brooke Kirby, Morgan Thacker (holding placard trophy), Jake Woodall. Back row from left: Matthew Miller, Zach Miller, Rebekah Givelson, Jessica Cummins, Laura Childress, Christy Olivia Napier and Katie Burdette.



RCMS 8th graders who represented the country of Togo at KUNA 2003 were, front row from left: Morgan Kincer, Ainsley Bussell, Emily Reddington, Michael VanWinkle, Megan Rader and Mercedes Burdette. Back row from left: Josh Blair, Ashly Dollins, Hillary Proctor, Jerica Poynter and Cody Childress.



Jessica Cummins, Christy Olivia Napier and Morgan Thacker are shown being recognized by the Kentucky United Nations Assembly's General Assembly as Outstanding Proposal Authors. The girls' Kenyan proposal was one of only 28 proposals to reach the floor of the General Assembly where it was passed.

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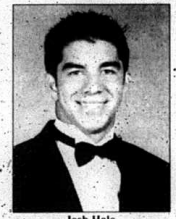
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Alpha Lambda Delta Honor Society recognizes Josh Hale

Josh Hale, a freshman at Georgetown College, was initiated into Alpha Lambda Delta, the national freshman honor society, on April 3, 2003 at the Georgetown College Training and Conference Center.

To become a member of Alpha Lambda Delta, a student must meet the following academic qualifications:



Josh Hale

Minds in the Middle

Testing began this week at RCMS. It is vital that all students are present on testing days! Next week, we will be testing on Tuesday and Wednesday.

We enjoyed a great pep rally on Monday to get us ready for testing. Thanks to all of those students and teachers who participated in our crazy relay! A special congratulations to Mr. Phillips and Mr. Harris. Who new they were so good at musical chairs!

There will be an after school party this Friday from 3-5:00. Students must have team and parent permission in order to attend.

Next Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday, there will be a book fair in the gym. The event is sponsored by the RCMS Dance Team.

Next Thursday, we will be having our annual assessment celebration with the student/faculty basketball game. We are very proud of the effort that our students have put forth so far. This will begin at around 1:30.

We celebrated Teacher Appreciation Week this week at RCMS. We live our teachers and staff! Thanks to GEAR-UP for the luncheon on Monday and to Youth Services for the dessert on Thursday. We also appreciate 21st Century and GEAR-UP for the gifts.

In celebration of our first successful year with the Rocket Advisory Program (RAP), students will be participating in a school-wide field day on May 21st. We are seeking parent volunteers for this event. It takes much work to make this happen and we need your help. Please call Ms. Cromer if you would be able to assist us with this event.

Congratulations to those students who will be representing RCMS on the cheerleading squads next year. The squads were selected this week. Sixth graders, Leela Burdette, Kaitlin Caudill, Adrienne Childress, Lindsey Cook, Deanna Galbard, Kaitlyn Griffin, Courtney Ham, Constance Irvin, Terica Jones, Mariah Osborn, Megan Perkins, Samantha L. Smith, Megan Taylor, and Amber Whitaker.

Members of the seventh grade squad are: Lauren Graham, Beth Pulliam, Brooke Martinez, Kayla Rowe, Courtney Thomas, Whitney Whitaker, Chelsea Hasty, Samantha Johnson, Samantha S. Smith, Morgan Campbell, Megan Stewart, Brittini Cope, Elizabeth Dooley, Lyndsey Reynolds, Ashley Chattle, and Megan Hood.

Members of the eighth grade cheerleaders will be: Rebecca Alcorn, Leslie Burdette, Courtney Bustle, Laura Childress, Carol Dees, Candice Denney, Whitney Fry, Ashley Jones, Ashley Marcum, Ashley Patterson, Beth Renner, Tiffany Smith, Callie Thomas, Candice Trimble, and Andrea Winn.

YSC Update
We would like to remind our parents and students how important it is to rest well during the testing week, and to eat a good breakfast. We take all of our students to breakfast each morning to encourage them to eat. We also provide fresh fruit for everyone!

Here are a few tips to share with students that may help them with the test.

1. Read the questions more than once. Highlighters are provided to our 7th and 8th graders so that they may highlight key direction words. Look for action verbs such as describe, contrast, or list.

2. On open responses, do exactly what the question asks for - no more or no less.

3. If you feel yourself becoming stressed, relax. Close your eyes and take some long, deep breaths. The 7th and 8th graders have as much time as they need, so they shouldn't feel rushed.

4. Be ready for school early. Being rushed in the morning can make you feel rushed and off track for the rest of the day.

5. Never skip or skim the questions. This may cause you to do extra work or to miss out on adding something that you really knew about.

We Cater! Call for Details!

Monday
Get a Free Burger when you buy 6" Sub & 32 oz. drink

Thursday
Any 6" combo meal \$3.99 12" \$5.99

Friday
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