

4-H Communications Day held

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The Wilderness Trail Area 4H Communications Day was held at North Laurel High School on Saturday, April 26, 2003. Several youth from Rockcastle County participated in this event. Youth participated in the variety show, speech contest, and poster contest.

In the 9-yr-old division of the WTA Speech Contest, Ella McQuary won 1st Place and will compete in the state level. Samantha Stewart won the alternate position.

In the 10-yr-old division, Bethany Clontz was 1st Place winner and will compete at the state level. Also in the 10-yr-old division, Devin Davidson won a blue ribbon.

Lauren Graham won a blue ribbon in the 11-yr-old division, and Blue Cowan won a blue ribbon in the 12-yr-old division. Carri Hunt is alternate for state in the 12-yr-old division.

In the 13-yr-old division, Drew Davidson was the 1st Place winner and will compete at the state level. Anthony Cook won a blue ribbon in the 15-yr-old division.

In the WTA 4H Poster contest, the

Rockcastle competed. In the club acts, Mrs. Karen Powell's 5th Grade Club from Broadhead Elementary School, won a blue ribbon. The club performed "The Tale of Rusty Red Bear". In the specialty acts, Carri Hunt from Rockcastle County Middle School won a blue ribbon. Carri performed "How Many

Biscuits Can You Eat".

Special thanks and congratulations to all participants on a job well done. Educational programs of the Cooperative Extension Service serve all people regardless of race, color, age, sex, religion, disability or national origin.

Land judging goes to nationals

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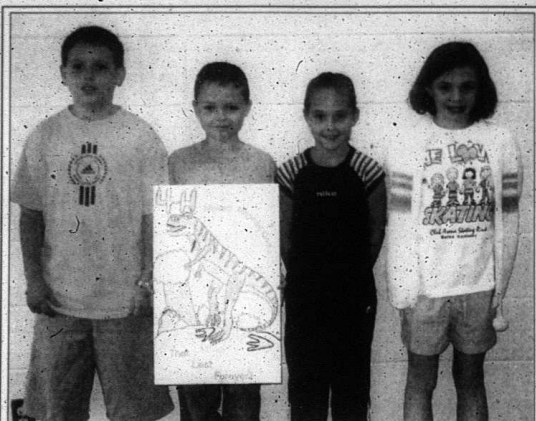
The Rockcastle County 4H Land Judging Team represented Kentucky at the National Land Judging Contest held in Oklahoma City, May 7-9, 2003. Team members were Matthew Whitaker, Brandon Cole, Andrew Nelson, Jamison Cable and Bill Burdette (alternate).

The National Land Judging Contest hosted 140 teams from across the nation with twenty-six 4H teams and 114 FFA teams. Rockcastle's team placed 11th out of twenty-six 4H teams.

Competing in the National Land Judging Contest is a once in a lifetime opportunity. Local businesses sponsored the 4H youth, making the trip out west one to remember. Sites visited included St. Louis Arch, Missouri Wildlife Museum, Bass Pro Shop, Branson, Mo., Oklahoma Merit Building,

Oklahoma Stockyard area, and Fort Worth Stockyard area.

The team would like to thank the following businesses and individual for the support: Danny McKinney, Burley Cooperative, Keith Smith and Anthony Asher, Citizens Bank, Corey Craig, Community Trust, Mike Hansel, Hansen Aggregates, London Tobacco Market, Jackson Energy, 21st Century Learning, Farm Bureau Federation, Soil Conservation Service, Dabney Feed, Rockcastle Farm Supply, Berea National Bank, Kiwanis Club of Rockcastle Co., Mt. Vernon Lions Club, Rockcastle VFW, Kentucky Cattlemen's Association, Cornelson Farm Service, Nelson Auto Repair, Blue Grass Stockyards, Madison Stockyard, Garrard Co. Stockyard, and Mt. Vernon Drug.



Mt. Vernon Elementary School students taking part in the Wilderness Trail Area Communications Day were, from left: Devin Davidson, Brandon Burdette, Ella McQuary and Bethany Clontz.



Several students from Broadhead Elementary School participated in the WTA Communications Day at North Laurel High School in London. Mrs. Karen Powell's 5th grade club performed in the variety show. Shown are, front row, from left: Steven Brown and Joanie Alexander. Back row: Andrea Gonzales, Megan Taylor, Samantha Bussell, Amanda Swinney, Mrs. Powell and Natalie Haarman.



Rockcastle County 4-H'ers recently traveled to Oklahoma to participate in a land judging contest. They are shown standing in a pit to look at the soil structure for depth, top soil present and soil textures. Soil texture and shape are key land judging factors which relate to water run-off and soil erosion on Oklahoma range land. In the photo are, from left: Bill Burdett, Matthew Whitaker, Brandon Cole, Andrew Nelson and Jamison Cable.

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