

What are you doing this summer?

One RCHS student will be doing more than just flipping burgers

BY ALLISON ANDERKIN

While most of us have our summer jobs flipping hamburgers or working on farms, Rockcastle County High School sophomore Jackson Bray will be doing something much different. "aren't enough people doing it," said Bray. Y-Club, an extension of the YMCA, is a service-oriented club that also teaches students about their government on a state and world basis.

"[Community] Service needs to be done much more than it is, and there really aren't enough people doing it."

Bray will be involved in a statewide community service project called Service to the Commonwealth, July 30-August 3.

Teens from all over the state apply through either their local high school Y-Club or a local YMCA to be a part of this program.

"I like the Y-Club and I consider myself to be a junkie. I also really feel that service needs to be done much more than it is, and there really

"It is an honor to be a part of these service projects," said Bray.

In order to participate, students must be actively involved in their Y-Club or YMCA. A three to five page essay and 50 hours of community service in their own hometown are also required.

Bray also has to raise at least \$200 in the community to help fund the trip and to give donations to the World Service Fund.

Sophomore Jackson Bray is working hard as usual for the RCHS Y-Club.

Service to the Commonwealth, which is in its first year, consists of a five-day trip to various regions of the state to help clean up or build public facilities and even some historic sites.

"We are really proud of Jackson for this," said Y-Club President Travis Burton. "He is representing the kids of our area well, yet at the same time I understand that this will not

only benefit his own self fulfillment but it will also help him get into college and receive scholarships."

Bray also agrees. "I really do enjoy doing service," he said. "It is a great feeling to help, but this is something colleges and organizations look for when giving scholarships and other things."

Burton also commented that he wished more students from Rockcastle would be involved within the community, and that he couldn't believe Bray was the first from RCHS to do this program.

Hopefully, now that RCHS has the leadership of students like Bray, more students will want to help and will become more involved in similar service programs.

Homecoming could be getting a facelift

BY TRAVIS T. BURTON

The SBDM Council has recently formed a Committee that is working to give Homecoming at the Rock a face-lift.

Ms. Dana Singleton, Homecoming Coordinator, and also a member of the SBDM Council, was asked by the council to form a committee to review the current Homecoming Policy and hopefully develop a proposal for a new policy.

According to Singleton, the committee's goal is to make Homecoming at RCHS the best possible for everyone.

The committee met with the student council, Friday, May 23. Only the junior, sophomore, and freshman members of the council were in attendance.

According to Singleton, this policy would not really affect the seniors, therefore no seniors were in attendance.

Many ideas were discussed at the meeting and although there was no proposal on the table at May's SBDM meeting, Ms. Singleton provided a very detailed report on what the proposal may consist of.

According to Singleton, the committee would like to still take nominations for king and queen candidates from each homeroom. However, instead of selecting any one in the respected grade to be a nominee, homerooms will be required to nominate someone within their room.

If approved the policy will require the

actual king and queen to be seniors. The other grades will elect court attendants for their respected grade. The attendants will be chosen when each class votes for the top three female and top three males to represent them. The female and male with the most votes from this round will be the attendants.

In the senior class, the top 3 girls, and top 3 boys will go on to all compete for king and queen. Possible methods of election would include a combination of interviews, essays, student vote, and teacher vote. The essays could possibly be judged by students, teachers, and community members. The same holds true for the interviews.

Another important aspect of a new homecoming that may be proposed is there will only be one king and queen for the year. They will not be affiliated with a sport but possibly a fall festival and will be recognized all year.

According to Singleton, there is still much work needed before presenting a proposal, but a procedure like this could help instill honor into the title of Homecoming King and Queen.

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