# Youth Yak at RCHS

Staff and students have settled in at Rockcastle County High School. Everyone has been busy working to make this 2003-2004 school year one of the best.

Several changes were made over summer vacation. The Youth Service Center was moved downstairs; it now occupies the counselors' former offices. Ms. Becky Perkins Saylor, Attendance Clerk, has moved into Mr. Whitaker's former office. Mr. J. D. Bussell now occupies room 111. The counselors are relocated upstairs, in the former copier room. We have added a teachers' lounge upstairs. Teachers can go there to make copies and work on lesson plans, etc. Mr. Kyle Rader and Mrs. Sandra Bullock, 21st Century/Job Quest program staff, are now located upstairs in the former Youth Service room. Also in that location are Mr. Jesse Mahaffey, School-to-Work Program and Mr. David Riddle, Co-op Program. The changes were made for several reasons, but one major reason was to have someone on duty at the back entrance.

We have scheduled our first open house of this school year for October 14. Please watch this newspaper for further announcements regarding the Open House.

Senior pictures were taken September 3. Freshman, Sophomore, Juniors, and staff photos are scheduled for September 24. Credit make-up and tutoring programs have begun. If a student has failed a class or is failing a class, credit make-up can help. If a student is having trouble in a class, he or she can stay for tutoring. It is not necessary to "sign-up" in order to participate in the tutoring program. Rather, students need to simply ask their teacher which room they meet in and then show up for tutoring. Please take advantage of this opportunity to make up a credit or get help with a class.

Credit make-up meets every Monday and Tuesday from 3:10 to 4:35 with transportation provided. Credit Make-Up is offered on Wednesdays and Thursdays at the same time, but with no transportation. Tutoring is available Mondays and Tuesdays, 3:10-4:35 with transportation provided. Additional information regarding credit make-up and tutoring can be answered by anyone in the office or the guidance office.

Our first club day was Thursday, September 11. After much discussion on the most efficient way to conduct club day, a new schedule was drawn up and approved by the Site-Based Council. A new edition to club day was the Young Democrats Club. Check with any teacher as to when the club you are interested in will meet.

Our Juniors received their class rings September 5. Any student who still hasn't picked up his or her ring needs to see Ms. Sondra Mullins for information. Yearbooks are scheduled, tentatively, to arrive in October. We all anxiously await their arrival.

Our volleyball team continues its winning tradition with a record of 7-3 for the regular season play and is now in tourney play. The golf team has a winning record of 9 wins and 3 losses. Our Cross-Country Track team also deserves recognition. The girls' team is ranked sixth in the state while the boys' team is ranked ninth. Keep up the good work, teams!! The band won best color guard recently in competition at the Casey County Marching Band Invitational. Also, the band members are selling Spirit cards for $7.00. See any band member for one of these discount cards. The football team keeps up the winning tradition with a record of 3 and 1. Our goal is to make it to the carpet again--remember, THIRD TIME IS THE CHARM! Jr. Varsity and Freshmen football teams are also winning!!!

This year's Homecoming festivities are scheduled for September 26. We play Clay Co. that night. Homecoming queen and king will be crowned and there will be a dance afterwards.

On the second anniversary of the attack on the World Trade Centers, the faculty and students wore red, white and blue in remembrance of those who lost their lives on that day. JROTC flew the flags at half mast in remembrance and Mr. Hale read a tribute during his morning announcements.

A reminder to anyone having a student at RCHS: all beginning-of-school forms need to be turned in ASAP. Students should turn in lunch forms and enrollment forms to the Youth Services Center, health and immunization forms and emergency cards to the school nurse assistant, and the assurance page to students' home room teacher (form located on the back page of the green code of conduct booklet). This form indicates that a parent will allow a child to have access to computers and the internet.

We are losing!!! That's right; RCHS is losing the race for good attendance. If your child is absent, please send a note to school with him when he returns to school. We allow three parent notes per semester. Doctor excuses are always accepted and encouraged. Any student who is tardy to school four times in an eighteen week grading period shall lose driving privileges and parking permit for the remainder of the grading period, as well as losing the privilege to attend all extra-curricular activities except tutoring. This includes ballgames, prom etc. Teachers will administer consequences for up to four tardies. The fifth tardy during an eighteen week grading period will result in the student being placed in ISS (in school suspension) for the remainder of that block on that date. Remember, early dismals are considered a tardy.

We encourage parents to call us when their student is absent (606-256-4816). Students are excused for driving permits and license tests, but only for the time they are taking the test. You will not be excused if you take a full day for your driving tests. Please help RCHS to increase attendance numbers--we don't like being in last place!

RCHS follows a strict dress code policy at school and at ballgames. Shorts, skirts, and dresses must be no shorter than three inches from the top of the knee. No sleeveless shirts are permitted. No sunglasses, caps, or bandanas are permitted unless it is for an authorized school activity. No clothing which promotes alcohol or drugs is acceptable. You can read more about our dress code and all other policies in the student handbook, which every student received at the beginning of the school year.

Ask to see your child's handbook if you haven't already reviewed it. Dress code violators will be asked to comply with the rules. Youth Services can provide a change of shirts etc. in some instances. Take the time to see what your child is wearing before he leaves for school. No beepers, cell phones or pagers are allowed during school hours.

The Youth Services center is available 8:30 -3:00 for any help families may need. If your child misses the bus, call YSC at 606-256-4818 and they will try to pick-up your child. If help is needed purchasing supplies etc., Youth Services can help in that way also. Students are encouraged to drop by and visit YSC during their lunch time and during break. YSC accepts donations such as clothing, shoes, supplies, backpacks, or just about anything to help high school students. YSC wishes to thank the employees of Rockcastle Hospital for choosing RCHS Youth Services Center as the recipient charity of their recent "staff fun day." We received $800.00 in donations. Many students will benefit from your generous offering.

Feel free to stop by RCHS anytime during school hours to visit the ROCK Shop for all the latest ROCKET tee-shirts, caps and sweatshirts. You may call and make an appointment to meet with your child's teachers. The phone numbers are 606-256-4816 or Youth Service Center 606-256-4818. The fax number is 606-256-3755.

# Academic Honor Roll

Anna Guilfoil, daughter of John and Joann Guilfoil of Climax, currently has a 4.08 GPA and is taking four advanced placement subjects her senior year. Anna hopes to attend the U.S. Naval Academy and major in Political Science. She attended a summer seminar at the academy for academy prospects. Anna is a member of the National Honor Society, Spanish National Honor Society, Y-Club, Young Democrats, Rocket Club and FCA.

# RCHS-Sheriff's Office parterners in Education

Rockcastle County Sheriff Darrell Doan, Chief Deputy Nathaniel Price and County Judge/Executive Buzz Carloftis were the featured speakers at Rockcastle County High School, working with a new senior elective course, "Introduction to Criminal Justice."

Continuing its commitment to community service, the sheriff's office put together the educational program in conjunction with RCHS teacher Debbie Coleman.

Deputy Price and Sheriff Doan worked with students to understand the roles and responsibilities of the sheriff's department, the roles and training requirements of deputies and the problems and successes of our local police force.

Students were also encouraged to ask questions and work through hypothetical situations which the officers used practical experience and law to answer.

Judge Carloftis spoke on the costs of maintaining the sheriff's department, prisoner costs and juvenile costs.

Introduction to Criminal Justice is one of many elective courses offered at RCHS in hopes of giving students options in terms of their future career choice or college preparation.

Currently, Criminal justice is open to seniors who are interested in a career in law enforcement or a related field.

Mrs. Coleman reports that the class will be working with many offices in county and state government over the remainder of the semester. This includes a workshop with Detective Craig Sutton of the Kentucky State Police next week that will also involve the Physics and Chemistry classes.

Judge "Buzz" Carlotis, Chief Deputy Nathaniel Price and Sheriff Darrell Doan speak to RCHS students Tuesday morning.

# Mt. Vernon Message

**Upcoming Events:**

Family Resource Center sponsored enrichment classes meet Mondays from 3:05 to 4:30. FRC Adult Computer classes meet Tuesdays from 6:30 to 8:30.

**Special Projects:**

Project Wisdom Readers for last week were: Brandon Burdette, Catarina Harmon, Sydney Arvin and Charles Alcorn, students. Mrs. Kincer, 5th grade teacher, was our mystery reader.

Our quote for the week: *"Be careful of your thoughts, they may become words at any moment."*

**Designed For Distance**

By: Courtney VanWinkle

Fourth graders have been studying about the Scientific Process. Students applied the process when they were given the task of designing a pager airplane that would fly the farthest distance.

Students investigated various design and materials in this project. The students in the picture were top "designers for distance" from Ms. Clark and Ms. Cummins classes.

Dustin Cromer's airplane traveled the farthest distance. We interviewed Dustin about his design and he shared with us that the materials he used are a piece of paper and a paperclip. Dustin thinks that knowing how to build an airplane is a family tradition. His dad taught him how to make the airplane. He used printer paper to make the airplane and, the paperclip went on the nose of the airplane. His plane went 8 meters, 52 centimeters.

Designers for distance at MVES were, from left: Dustin Cromer, Amber Hasty, Carly Asher, Katie Cowan, Austin Kirby and Brandon Baker.

**County Homemakers Annual Meeting**

The Rockcastle County Annual Homemaker Meeting will be held Sept. 22 at 6:30 p.m.. All county homemakers are encouraged to attend.

Call the Extension Office at 256-2403 for more information.

# Eagle Echoes

Our Grandparents' Day Lunch was a huge success. Almost 300 grandparents joined us for lunch. We value our grandparents and thank them for their support.

We would like to thank two parent volunteers for helping us. These ladies are Tanya Adkins and Fannie Lamb. We appreciate the time and energy you give to our school. We would also like to thank Community Trust Bank for the goody bags they delivered last week.

Please remember the importance of attending school regularly and arriving to school on time. Our morning bell rings at 8:05.

Coach Darla Reams has been working with fifth grade students on spectator behavior during sporting events. Fifth grade student Amanda Doan shares her though about this topic:

**Bad Sportsmanship at Ball Games**

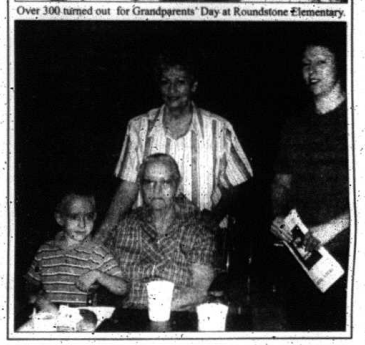
*By Amanda Doan*

I have seen a lot of bad sportsmanship at many of the ball games I have been to. At games you should always have good language. You shouldn't use bad language by any of the players, coaches, referees or fans. You shouldn't say anything bad to a player if they did something wrong because everyone makes mistakes.

While going to any kind of game, you should cheer for both teams. For example, the Little Lady Rockets Basketball team is a team of little kids, so you should cheer for both teams. You could walk over to the losing team and say good job or pat them on the back. If the team your cheering for loses, don't take it out on them because it makes them feel bad.

You should always say good things to both teams. Fans should say positive things instead of negative things to players. After the game is over, you shouldn't rub it in that you won. Tell the other team good job after the game because they played hard too. Everyone should have good sportsmanship at any ball game you go to.

Over 300 turned out for Grandparents' Day at Roundstone Elementary.



# Area families to benefit from early childhood program

*Forward in the Fifth brings Parents as Teachers program to Rockcastle County*

Parents and their infants and toddlers in Rockcastle County will soon have the opportunity to participate in one of the nation's most successful early childhood programs. Parents as Teachers (PAT). Through a Parent Information and Resource Center grant from the U.S. Department of Education, Forward in the Fifth is offering the PAT program, along with many other services for parents in Estill, Jackson, Lee, Madison, Owsley and Rockcastle Counties.

This voluntary program, which is free to any expectant parent or those who have children newborn to three years old, provides parents with the information and support they need to give their child the best possible start in life. PAT is based on the philosophy that parents are their children's first and most influential teachers.

Parents as Teachers programs include personal visits by a professionally trained child development specialist, free developmental screenings, group meetings on a wide variety of child-rearing topics and help finding any other resources beyond the scope of the PAT program. "The goal is to help parents learn new ways to foster their child's language and intellectual growth, curiosity and social skills," said Katie Startzman, PAT supervisor at Forward in the Fifth.

As a part of Forward in the Fifth's PIRC, PAT families are also welcome to participate in programs, including the Improving Schools from the Grassroots program, a parent leadership class that enables parents to better support their children's education.

All PAT acitivites are free to families wishing to participate. To learn more about the PAT program or how to enroll, call Shelly at 256-3504.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## Public Auction Notice

As provided under KRS 67.080, the Fiscal Court of Rockcastle County has ordered the following Sheriff's Department

**VEHICLES**

sold to the highest bidder at Public Auction on Saturday, October 4, 2003 at 10 a.m. in front of the Rockcastle County Courthouse (Main Street)

**Four (4) 1995 Model Ford Crown Victorias**

**One (1) 1993 Model Ford Crown Victoria**

The five vehicles may be viewed by the general public at any time prior to the auction. Please contact the Sheriff's Department (256-2032) for specific information n the vehicles.

**Buzz Carloftis, County Judge/Executive**