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April prom date set

By JENNY SMITH

Prom 2004 has been officially set for April 24. Administrator's decided to take a different approach this year and set the date at the beginning of the year.

"I believe it's great that they already set the prom date, because we'll have plenty of time to prepare," said senior Kasheena Bullock.

Last year, prom was scheduled for May 17, the same day the RCHS baseball team was scheduled to play in Louisville. This conflict, which forced senior baseball players to decide between their team and their prom, has led many to believe that's the cause for the date being set so early this year, but Principal John Hale says otherwise.

"We tried to set the prom date around this same time last year, but with the unfortunate testing window change, the prom date had to be changed as well," he said.

The April date may seem early, but according to Dana Singleton, the prom coordinator, the date had to be moved to earlier in the year because school started earlier. This school year's last day is scheduled for May 10, one week before last year's date.

A decision on the actual date was a group effort.

"I sat down with the coaches and Mrs. Singleton. Together we decided which date would be best and that wouldn't conflict with school activities," said Mr. Hale.

As far as Mrs. Singleton knows there should be no conflicts with the prom date this year.

"We checked the baseball schedule, the track schedule, and the testing window, so we shouldn't have any problems this year," she said.



Senior Jennifer Kidwell works on the mural located outside Young's Pharmacy. Kidwell was just one of several local art students participating in the project.

Community art project underway

By JESSICA DENNY

Every town has a history—a story to tell—and a different way to tell it. Mt. Vernon will be telling its history through a series of murals created with help from RCHS's art students.

Art teacher Les Scalf is leading this historic crusade with the help of local artists and the promising young artists throughout his class.

"I saw it as a great opportunity to bring a historical Rockcastle County landmark to the forefront," said Scalf.

The first of the mural series is entitled *Spout Springs*. According to local legend Spout Springs was a regular resting place for settlers on their journey out west. Their animals would often rest and prepare for the rest of the trip. Eventually some settlers decided to stay. It is said, "Once you take a drink from Spout Springs you'll never leave Mt. Vernon."

The mural depicts a frontier setting with trees in the background. There are several settlers doing various tasks related to the time period. Animals are also included in the picture. There is a woman working on an animal skin and two children kissing.

Students recently began work on what was planned to be a two day painting, but were rained out on their second day. Instead,

they will now be invited to finish the mural on weekends, when the weather permits. The weather will decide the time it will take to finish the mural.

However, completing the mural shouldn't take long since the bulk of the painting is finished.

"We just need to work on the details of the painting, and making it more realistic," said Scalf.

Many of the students participating were very excited about their opportunity to beautify their community.

"It's a good way to add color, and make the town more appealing," said junior Zac Pensol.

Junior Kelli Frederick was happy to be involved with such a helpful project.

"I got to do something meaningful, and that will be a part of not only the town's history, but mine as well."

Scalf has already found a location for the next mural that will be on the side wall of Cox's Hardware.

With many students pumped up about the project the community is learning the real truth about most teenagers—they care.

**Basketball
admission
prices could
increase**

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