

European student studies at RCHS

By JESSICA RIDDLE

There is new face at RCHS this year. It belongs to exchange student Claudia Schmidt of Erfurt, Germany.

She is enrolled as a senior, and is planning to participate in volleyball.

This opportunity to come to America is not only educational, but is also a "self-evaluation," she says.

Schmidt explains that she wants to see how she could do on her own, away from her family.

She says the reason for coming to America is for "experience and to test my independence."

Schmidt, who arrived in Rockcastle County August 24, has seen many differences in America and Germany after only a short amount of time.

"Everyone is so friendly, open and happy," she said. "The people always have a smile on their faces."

At age 17, Schmidt may have only one year left of school in America, but back home in Germany she must complete two more years.

"This year in America doesn't count as part of my education in Germany," said Schmidt.

This school is also very different from the one she left behind.

"The school is smaller, and my school in Germany has three stories."

Schmidt, who hopes to improve her English language and speaking skills while in the United States, is expecting this year to be a great one, full of surprises.

"I am really looking forward to learning more about the culture," she says.



Claudia Schmidt is RCHS's exchange student.

German for Beginners:

Guten Tag! = Hello!

Guten Morgen = Good morning!

Guten Abend = Good evening!

Gute Nacht = Good night!

Wie geht es Ihnen = How are you?

Wie geht's? = How are you? (informal)

Danke, gut. = Fine, thanks.

Sehr gut. = Great.

Es geht. = Okay. So-so.

Nicht so gut. = Not so well.

Auf Wiedersehen. = Good-bye.

Have you ever traveled overseas? If so, we'd like to hear from you. Please contact Ms. Norton in room 116 for a possible story in the future.

Several reasons behind relocation

By INDI RUME

When school started, I walked down to the office expecting to get my scheduled changed, but what I found was a different name on the door. It turns out I was in totally the wrong section.

If this sounds familiar, don't worry it happened to many students old and new this year. According to Principal John Hale the changes were made for various reasons.

One of the reasons for David Riddle's move to upstairs was that technology teacher Ed Peterson is teaching two new-tech classes. Riddle's former office is located next to Mr. Peterson's which meant that he needed Riddle's room in order to have the two new classes.

This change meant that Mr. Riddle needed a new space. The rest is the result of a domino effect.

Mr. Riddle, Jesse Mahaffey, Kyle Radar and Sandy Bullock were relocated in the former Youth Services Center, which was moved downstairs in the former guidance office so they could work more closely with attendance.

RCHS counselors Janice Miller and Dale Whitaker are now located in the upstairs hallways near the library.

Miller believes the move will, in time, be a positive change for both the staff and the students, but she feels that it is too early in the year to tell how big the change has actually been.

Sophomore Justina Denney agrees that the change has made it

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Literary magazine will be student led, student created

By JENNY SMITH

Rockcastle County High School students will soon have an outlet for their creativity. RCHS teachers Jennifer Mattingly and Les Scalf are working to create a student led literary magazine which will include work written exclusively by students.

Specific details about the magazine are still vague, but Ms. Mattingly, who teaches English, and Mr. Scalf, RCHS's art teacher, will select a group of students who will be the literary editorial staff, and a group that will be the visual arts editorial staff.

Members of the creative writing club will make up part of the literary staff, in addition to other

students who have not yet been selected, says Ms. Mattingly.

The magazine will be called *Corners and Cobwebs*. The title was selected by the creative writing club.

"The whole idea is for students to submit writings or artwork—that they select their best pieces," said Mr. Scalf.

Even though the year-long project is still in the developmental stage, Ms. Mattingly and Mr. Scalf are certain that the writing, visual arts, editing, publishing, marketing, and layout will be student led.

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Council considers admission increase

By JESSICA RIDDLE

As John walks into the gymnasium doors, he reaches into his pocket to get out his three dollars he needs to buy his ticket to get into the basketball game. When he reaches the table to buy his ticket he realizes that he doesn't have enough money. Why?

The SBDM (Site Base Decision Making) Council is considering a raise in the ticket prices from three dollars to four dollars a game.

If approved, the school will offer a student pass which can be purchased for the original price for each of the remaining games on the schedule. These prices will be offered throughout the basketball season at the Rock Shop.

The SBDM Council met Wednesday, September 24 and

made a motion to increase the admission for double header varsity and double header jayvee games for both the girls and boys. The final decision for the raise in ticket prices will be Wednesday, October 22.

"Everyone will have to wait for the decision of the SBDM council until the next meeting in October. Every policy has to go through two meetings before it can be passed," said council member Connie Riddle.

The reason behind raising the price of the admission is to help the boys' and girls basketball team raise funds to support each of their programs. This will help buy new game and practice uniforms, along with other equipment needed but not in the budget.

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