



JR/OTC Rifle Team competed at the Montgomery Ball Academy in Nashville on October 17th. The team placed fourth out of 16. Derrick Hensley fired third out of 94 shooters. The team is pictured above, front row from left: Erik Stallworth and Derrick Hensley. Second row from left: Larry Mink, Brittany McFadden, Melissa Conkle, Amanda Yarn and Josh Bell. Back row from left: Kyle Bussell, Nathaniel rada, Josh Willis, Dustin Vanwinkle and Jesse Patterson.



Pictured are the Rockcastle County FFA members who attended the National FFA Convention with Mr. Hayes on October 30th. Back Row, Left to Right - Russell Bullock, Brandon Cole, Matthew Bussell, Jeremy Cook, Brian Powell, Joncolby Robbins, Cody Robinson, Jenney Lynn Clark, and Michael Clark. Front Row, Left to Right - Max Robbins, Robby Mink, Charli Felner, Emily Whitaker, April Benedict, and Lisa Northern



Pictured below are the members of the Rockcastle County FFA Chapter who participated in the Kentucky State Land Judging Contest in Hardinsburg, Kentucky on November 8, 2003. The team placed 7th in the State out of 22 teams. Team members were from left Matthew Whitaker, Mark Dyehouse, Kyle Owens, and Brandon Cole.



Pictured are the Rockcastle County FFA members who attended the National FFA Convention with Mr. Reynolds on October 29th, 30th, and 31st. Front row from left: Alisha Smith, Bryanna Bussell, Heather Adams, and Karen Mink. Middle Row, From Left: Derek Adams, Nathan Doan, Mark Dyehouse, Jordan Hall, Kyle Owens, Jessie Wright, Kevin Mason, and Matthew Evans. Back row from left: Donnie Sowder, Zack Hale, Daniel Bustle, Matthew Faulkner, and Matthew Whitaker.



Various community organizations took part as a panel in the "Let's All Work Together to Fight Drug Abuse" to educate the 10th grade at RCHS about the dangers of substance abuse. At right, Chief Deputy Nathaniel Price, center, talks to the students. Also in the photo are Mt. Vernon's asst. police chief Eddie Delaney and Shannon Franklin.



## Let's All Work Together

The expression that it "takes a village to raise a child, is as true today as when it was first used. It takes many active and concerned members of a community to help educate and inform students in today's society. They have to be made aware that adults are here to help them be productive and contributing members when they are adults themselves.

On October 21, 2003, we at Rockcastle County High School,

along with other concerned citizens got together to host the first ever "Let's All Work Together to Fight Drug Abuse" panel. Members of various community organizations gave up part of their workday to try to educate and inform the 10th grade class about the dangers of substance abuse. Students had compiled a list of questions for the individual panel members to answer. We also had a short question and answer session at the end for those students who still had questions. Student response was overwhelmingly in favor of hosting this again. The organizers hope this

will become an annual event. We would like to extend a big THANK You to Charlie Napier for getting us started and being a driving force behind the scenes.

Members of the panel were: County Judge/Executive Buzz Carlolius, County Attorney Jeff Burdette, Eddie Delaney with the Mt. Vernon Police Department, Rose Brown, Director of Pupil Personnel and Student Services, Shannon Franklin, along with Terence Clemen, Ordnae Walker and Jeff Fulkerson, Department of Juvenile Justice and the Cadet Leadership, Sheriff Darrell Doan, Dr. Tony Arvin and Nathaniel Prices Chief Deputy of the Rockcastle County Sheriff's Department.

## Sea Of Blue

'By Rockcastle County FFA Chapter Reporter: Mark Dyehouse

Have you ever wondered what it would be like to walk into an arena and in front of you there is nothing but a sea of blue? If you have ever attended the National FFA Convention then you can understand what a sea of blue is, because that is what it looks like as you view over 45,000 FFA members, all wearing the official FFA colors National Blue and Corn Gold. It is an awesome sight!

Seventeen FFA members, along with FFA advisor and chapter, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Reynolds, boarded a bus early on Wednesday October 29, 2003 headed for Louisville, KY for the National FFA Convention. The next three days would be filled with excitement and learning experiences through the National Organization sessions of the FFA. These mem-

bers attended the convention on October 29th, 30th, and 31st.

On October 30th FFA Advisor Mr. Hayes and fifteen other FFA members attended the National FFA Convention for a days worth of fun and excitement participating in the day sessions, along with the FFA Career Show.

The Rockcastle County FFA Chapter had a fun and beneficial time attending the National FFA Convention.

In addition to the National FFA Convention the Rockcastle County FFA Chapter participated in the Kentucky State FFA Land Judging Competition in Hardinsburg, on Thursday November 6, 2003. The team placed 7th in the State out of 22 teams. Team members were Matthew Whitaker, Mark Dyehouse, Kyle Owens, and Brandon Cole.

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