



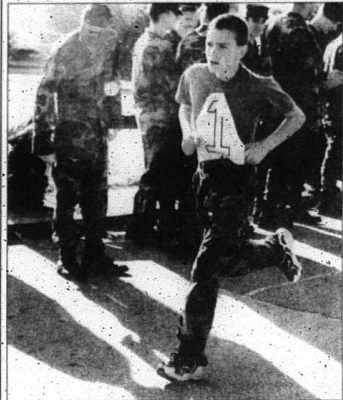
JROTC competed in Wayne County October 25th at the Daniel Boone League Competition. Cadets competing are shown above: Justin Richards, Jessica Toothman, Jesse McCollum, Derrick Hensley, Erik Stallworth, Karen Barber, Dustin Emerson, Chris Denney, David Richardson, Casey McClure, Harry Hunsacker, Merissa Conner, Larry Mink, Brittany McFadden, Chrystal Valerio, Bethany Smith, Brandon Hellard, Chris Winkler, Michael Taylor, Stephen Long, Jacob Jones, Josh Bell, Shane Foster, Lakin Halcomb, Jesse Patterson, Doug Ponder, Andy Coffey and Chris Miller.



JROTC Rifle Team competed and took first place out of six teams. Pictured from foreground: Brittany McFadden, Josh Bell, Derrick Hensley and Erik Stallworth.



RCHS Raider Team competing in Rope Bridge competition. They placed third out of six teams competing.



Chris Miller finishing the two mile run.



Color Guard placed second out of five teams. Members from left: Erik Stallworth, Jessica Toothman, Douglas Ponder and Derrick Hensley.

Youth Yak at RCHS

By Myrna D. Childress
Operation "Buckle Up Kentucky" begins this week. You've probably already heard the expression. Click it or get a ticket. Mr. Hale read the following to the students and staff Monday morning.

I would like to remind everyone about the importance of wearing a safety belt every time you drive or ride in a car. It will save you the cost of a ticket, and it could save your life. As a teenager, you are more likely to die or become disabled or disfigured in a car crash than at any other time in your life. You also need to know that law enforcement officers will be conducting safety belt enforcement statewide from November 17 to November 30, 2003. You can get a ticket if you don't buckle up so save money and your life. Buckle up every trip, every time!

On behalf of the staff of RCHS, we recommend every student and adult remember to buckle up when they are on the road.

Coach Tom Larkey said, "The kids gave it all they had Friday. I was so proud of them." On Monday, The ROCK went down to defeat to Mason Co. 21 to 19 on Friday. It was a well-played tough game. Congratulations to the team, coaches and parents on another excellent football season. Good luck to the players in their future endeavors. At this writing it's looking like Jason Leger will be wearing blue and white for the University of Ky. Good Luck Jason!

In Basketball news. Meet the Rockets night will be this Thursday, November 20 at 7:30. Coaches Clayton Cash and Christi Noble and their crews have planned a fun night for all. Prizes will be given as well as introduction of this season's teams. Come out and see for yourself what we have to look forward to this basketball season. Boys' season opening game will be December 5 when we play Knox Central here. The girls' season begins December 6 at Louisville when the ladies play Louisville Butler. The first home

game for the girls will be December 11 when they play Lexington Christian.

If congratulations are in order for our school, we were in compliance with the state of Kentucky's "No Child Left Behind" in all areas. Mr. Hale says there is still plenty room for improvement.

The Y-Club is sponsoring a toy drive for children who may not have a "very merry Christmas" this year. Please bring your donations of new toys to Ms. Hendrickson's room on November 24 and 25, next Monday and Tuesday. Any one not in school wishing to make a donation can do so. Just check in at the office and the staff will be glad to help you.

The Plan-test is scheduled for Wednesday November 26. This test is given to Sophomores only as a preliminary test to the ACT.

Our regular SBDM will be held this Wednesday, November 19 at RCHS.

Students will follow the AA Academic Advisory, schedule this Wednesday the 19th.

During Club Day last Thursday, several classes were treated to a program in the auditorium called "Exploring Biodiversity." They were introduced to a few creatures from different countries and habitats. The students found this all to be very interesting. Thanks to Ms. Tammy Eliza for her presentation.

The yearbooks actually did arrive a few weeks ago, but they had a huge mistake and had to be sent back. Ms. Angie Hendrickson and the yearbook staff expect the corrected version to be here anytime. Be patient. Good things are worth waiting for.

Staff Spotlight: This week's spotlight shines on Ms. Sondra Mullins. Ms. Mullins, the former Sondra Malone, the only child of Walter and Margie Malone of Fairview, has lived in Rockcastle County all her life. After completing a year of business classes at Fugazzi Business College, she started working for the Rockcastle County School System in 1966. While working with the school

system she has had several job titles. Her career began at the Central Office as a secretary. She worked there for two years before moving on to all the school libraries in the county. She worked at each one a week at a time. During the 1972-73 school year, the year the schools closed, dated, Sondra worked in the high school's library as an assistant. Her present job title is school financial clerk. Sondra has been married to Joe Mullins for 35 years. They have three children, Clark, Cliff and Cassey. All three are RCHS graduates. Clark and his wife, Amy Miller, from Danville, live in Richmond. Both are graduates of FKU. Cliff graduated from University of Ky. And the Culinary Institute of America in Hyde Park, NY. Cliff lives in Reno Valley, CA. Cassey and her husband, Eric Lam from Celina, Ohio, are both graduates of Morehead State University. They now live in O'Fallon, Missouri and are expecting their first child, Sondra's first grandchild, in March, 2004.

One of Sondra's favorite movies is "Romancing the Stone." One of her favorite television programs is "Judge Amy." Her hobbies and interests include watching movies, traveling and eating in different and new restaurants. All of us who work with her know that she is a Elvis fan. Just go into her office and you will realize this. It's decorated top to bottom with Elvis memorabilia. Her favorite thing about working at RCHS is the fact that each day is different. She enjoys her co-workers and the student. The biggest change in the schools she has seen over the years is that the students are too rushed and busy now. They don't have enough free time to

get acquainted with each other. We all appreciate Ms. Sondra more than she will ever know. She knows the running of this school from beginning to end. Thanks for all you do, Student Spotlight. This week's student is Clinton "Clint" Walker. Clint is a freshman this year. He will celebrate his 15th birthday November 30. He lives in the Flat Gap area of the county. He has lived in Rockcastle County since he was about 3 when his family moved here from Lexington. His parents are Robert and Sharon Walker. He has four brothers and one sister as well as 7 nieces and nephews. He also has a pet German Shepherd dog named White. When asked what he liked best about the high school, he said, "I have more freedom. (even more). It seems I am trusted and given more responsibility." He says so far he

likes everything about school. His favorite class is History and his favorite teacher is Sgt. Major Keith Taylor. He likes Mr. Taylor because he reminds him of his dad with a sense of humor. If he could change one thing about RCHS it would be the problems freshmen face with upperclassmen. Such as, directions to the pool and selling tickets to the pep rally. Clint says his favorite movie is "Star Wars." He doesn't have a favorite television program because he hardly ever watches TV. He likes to build things like wood crafts etc. He even has constructed an obstacle course in his back yard. He likes to read but has no favorite book. When asked about his future plans he said, "It's a little early to have a definite plan, but I think I would like to be a pilot someday." It was fun interviewing Clint. Believe he will succeed at whatever he decides to do.

VICA students win at conference

Thursday, October 23, 2003, VICA Advisor, Kin Fannin, chaptered 47 Rockcastle Area Technology VICA members to Pine Mountain State Park for a Regional Leadership Conference. Classics were held on conducting, meetings, opening and closing ceremonies, completing a Professional Development Plan, and Regional VICA Officers were elected for 2003-2004.

Candidates from Rockcastle County won all office seats. Stephen Powell was elected for president, Michael Mills for vice-president, Jeff Todd was elected reporter, Lindsay Durham was elected chaplain, Tanner Harsh was elected for secretary, Anthony Cuginis was elected treasurer, and Chris Alexander, Parliamentarian.

These Rockcastle County students will represent the entire Southeast Region, which is comprised of the following schools: Bell County, Clay County, Corbin, Hartan County, Jackson County, Knox County, Laurel County, Southeast and Somerset Community Colleges.

Also presenting an opening and closing ceremony demonstration, the first all girls team from Rockcastle County, including President, Summer Owens, Vice President, Brittany Himes, Secretary, Tasha Parsons,

Treasurer, Kelli Pedricks, Reporter, Kendra Blanton, Chaplin, Lindsay Durham, and Parliamentarian, Heather Pendry. These girls all come from the Automotive Technology Program.

Most of the students who attended this meeting are currently competing in a Regional Statesmen Competition, in which they list trivial facts about the VICA organization and its history.

Students who successfully complete this competition will be recognized at the RATIC and given award presentation pins. Along with Mr. Fannin, Welding Instructor Sherman Cook and Electricity Instructor, Gerald Hammons are advising and instructing students in skill and leadership competitions in which they will compete in at Somerset Community College South in February.

The following is a list of the 47 students who attended the Regional Leadership Conference at Pine Mountain: Chris Alexander, Adam Hensley, Kevin Vanwinkles, Danielle Alexander, Brittany Himes, Charles Eric Wallin, Tanner Allen, Jeremy Howard, Joshua Weaver, Alicia Anglin, Jennifer Jones, Kendra Blanton, Jon Kerns, Nathan Bow-

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Rockcastle Co. High School JROTC hiked 13.4 miles of the Sheltonville Trail near Cumberland Falls on Sat. Nov. 15. Those participating were: Josh Bell, Chris Denney, Brandon Dykes, Pete Edwards, Shane Foster, Chad Glovak, Lakin Halcomb, Derrick Hensley, Jacob Lewis, Jesse McCollum, Mason Bowling, Larry Mink, Jeff Parker, David Richardson, Russell Riddell, Erik Stallworth, Chrystal Valerio, Clint Walker, Chris Winkler, SGM Keith Taylor, SFC Keith Graves and Mrs. Jenny Taylor.



Hikers (from left) Jesse McCollum, David Richardson and Chris Denney.



The JROTC group taking a break during the hike near Cumberland Falls.