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While at this conference, students presented bills they had written prior to the conference, publically debated bills from other schools, argued cases in the Supreme Court, documented the conference with the Media Corps, and ran for political offices. This conference provides students with the skills and knowledge to be the agents of change for the future.

Ethan Mattingly and Michaela Barron participated as candidates with Kelsey Mattingly and Michaela Hurt serving as their respective campaign managers.

Rachel Cain and Rakhi Patel brought a bill about driving regulations that was passed into law.

Brad Taylor and Micheala Hurt brought a highly debatable bill about mental health.

Andrew Ponder and Andrew Barrett brought a bill about CPR in schools that passed both houses.

Shelby Ponder, Laney Poynter, and Lee Lear argued a case in the Supreme Court.

Ethan Elliot served as a parliamentarian. Kelsey Mattingly and Rebekah Ponder served in the media corps. All delegates spoke in sessions and did a wonderful job representing Rockcastle County.

Students participating were: Ethan Mattingly, Micheala Hurt, Michaela Barron, Rakhi Patel, Kelsey Mattingly, Thomas Burdette, Ethan Elliot, Jacob Taylor, Brianna Burdette, Kellan Coffey, Rachel Cain, Mckinzii Todd, Andrew Ponder, Andrew Barrett, Lucas Gentry, Lucas Jones and Rebekah Ponder.

Tax tips for students

Income tax season is approaching, and students may want to consider these tips from the Kentucky Higher Education Assistance Authority (KHEAA) to help the process go more smoothly.

Although you may not have earned enough to be required to file, you may get a refund if your employer withheld taxes from your pay. Before you file, discuss the tax situation with your parents. Depending on how much they contributed to your upkeep during the year, they may be able to claim you as a dependent on their tax returns, which could save them thousands of dollars.

Students and parents may be able to take advantage of these programs on their federal taxes:

- American Opportunity Credit, available for the first four years of college.
- Lifetime Learning Credit, available if a taxpayer or a dependent is taking college courses to acquire or improve job skills.
- Tuition and fees deduction, which lets taxpayers deduct qualified education

expenses paid during the year for themselves or a dependent. The expenses must be for college.

• Student loan interest deduction, which lets people deduct up to \$2,500 per year on federal taxes for interest paid on federal student loans.

For more detailed information about federal programs, go to www.irs.gov to download the free Publication 970 Tax Benefits for Education.

KHEAA also offers a tuition tax credit for undergraduate students who attend state colleges.

Remember that tax rules may change from year to year, so make sure you have the most up-to-date information before filing.

KHEAA is the state agency that administers Kentucky's grant and scholarship programs, including the Kentucky Educational Excellence Scholarship (KEES). It provides financial literacy videos at <http://itsmoney.kheaa.com>. KHEAA also provides free copies of "It's Money, Baby," a guide to financial

literacy, to Kentucky schools and residents upon request at publications@kheaa.com.

To learn how to plan and prepare for higher education, go to www.gotocollege.ky.gov. For more information about Kentucky scholarships and grants, visit kheaa.com; write KHEAA, P.O. Box 798, Frankfort, KY 40602; or call 800-928-8926, ext. 6-7372.

Miller Inducted into Honor Society

The Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi is pleased to announce that Angela Miller of Mount Vernon, was recently initiated into Phi Kappa Phi, the nation's oldest and most selective collegiate honor society for all academic disciplines. Miller was initiated at Eastern Kentucky University.

Miller is among approximately 32,000 students, faculty, professional staff and alumni to be initiated into Phi Kappa Phi each year. Membership is by invitation and requires nomination and approval by a chapter.



Rockcastle County Middle School students recently participated in the Girls Exploring Math and Science (GEMS) conference at Somerset Community College. GEMS was created as a way to encourage girls to consider mathematics-oriented and science-oriented careers, and to take advanced level mathematics and science courses in high school. Pictured are, front from left: McKayla Blair, Rebekah Lake, Breonya Napier and Pamela Miller. Back row from left: Joy Frith, Clare Beichler, Carlee Cash and Maggie Franklin.

ONLINE ONLY ESTATE Auction

The Late Ms. Doris Brown's House
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Bidding Ends: Thursday, December 19th @ approx. 6:00 p.m.
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Thursday, Dec. 12th from 1:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. and Wednesday, Dec. 18th from 1:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

AUCTION END TIMES: Bidding ends on Thursday, December 19th :

Real Estate: House & 7 Acres (more or less): ends at approx. 6:00 p.m.

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Catalog 2: "Home Decor & Collectibles" ends at approx. 6:15 p.m.

Catalog 3: "Prints & Mirrors" ends at approx. 6:15 p.m.

Catalog 4: "Jewelry & Dolls" ends at approx. 6:30 p.m.

Catalog 5: "Furniture" ends at approx. 6:30 p.m.

Catalog 6: "Lamps, Linens and Box Lots" ends at approx. 6:30 p.m.

(All auction end times are approximate)

NOTE: Refresh your screen constantly during the closing minutes of the bidding.

BUYER'S PREMIUM: There will be a 10% Buyer's Premium added to the winning bid. The sum of the winning bid plus the buyer's premium will be the sales price.

ITEM PICK UP TIME: All items must be paid for in full before being picked up. There will only be ONE pickup date: Friday, December 20th from 9:00 a.m. - 6:30 p.m. All items will be picked up on site at 6199 North Wilderness Road, Mt. Vernon, KY 40456.

TERMS: Payment will be due in full no later than Friday, December 20th at 6:30 p.m. All purchases that have not been paid in full by Friday, December 20th at 6:30 p.m. Eastern Time will automatically be charged to the credit card used at registration with a 3% processing fee, unless other arrangements are made.



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