

Technology Center students win at Region 6 FBIA Conference

Several students traveled to Eastern Kentucky University on Thursday, March 8th for FBIA's Region 6 Conference.

These students competed as follows:

Jessica Saylor & Kim Mullins - Bulletin Board.

Brandon Reynolds & Amanda Blanton - Chapter Web site.

Jamie McFerron - Desktop Publishing.

Stephen Hopkins - Technology Concepts.

Scarlett Jones - Word Processing.

Sara Hoover - Business Law.

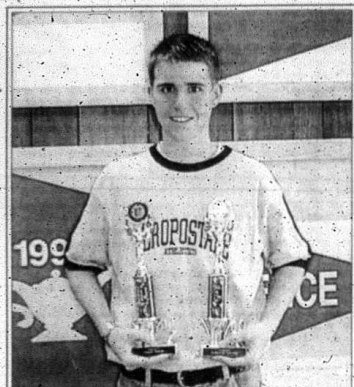
Robert Sandusky - Computer Applications.

Winners were: Stephen Hopkins.

first in Technology Concepts, Brandon Reynolds and Amanda Blanton, first for Chapter Website. Kim Mullins campaigned for the office of Region 6 President, winning that race with Kyle Parsons as her campaign manager.

Stephen Hopkins and Brandon Reynolds will compete at the state FBIA Conference May 8th-10th in Louisville. Jessica Saylor is seeking election for the office of reporter with Kyle Parsons and Kim Mullins as her campaign managers.

The staff at Rockcastle County Area Technology Center would like to thank the students for their hard work and dedication, their parents, and the community for their support of technical education.



Stephen Hopkins is shown with his two first place trophies in Technology Concepts. He will compete at the state level for a chance to compete at nationals in Orlando, Florida.



Pictured above is Kim Mullins who was elected as the President of Region 6 FBIA for the 2001-2002 term.



Pictured above, from row from left: Sara Chapman, Michelle Harrison, and Jessica Saylor who was Region 6 Reporter this year. Back row, from left: Kyle Parsons, Campaign Manager and Brandon Reynolds, who placed first in Chapter Website.

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NOTICE

The Rockcastle County School Local Planning Committee will conduct a Public Forum on Monday, May 7th in the Rockcastle County High School Library at 5:30 p.m. The informal meeting is being held to explain a proposed Amendment to the current District Facility Plan. The Rockcastle County Board of Education has requested and received approval from the Kentucky Department of Education, Division of Facilities Management, to proceed with the Amendment process. A copy of the proposed Amendment will be available for examination by interested individuals at the Board Office, 245 Richmond Street, Mt. Vernon, Kentucky between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. Questions may be directed to Mr. Doug Mullins, 606-256-2125. Those individuals wishing to comment on the proposed Amendment may do so during the public hearing.

Academic Honor Roll



Warren Whitaker, son of Darrell and Helen Whitaker of Mt. Vernon, has a 3.9 GPA at Rockcastle County High School. He plans on attending Eastern Kentucky University and major in Agronomy and Natural Resources. He is a president of EFA and a member of the National Honor Society. His hobbies include fishing, hunting and any outdoor activity.

Whitaker named National Award Winner in History

The United States Achievement Academy announced that Matthew Whitaker of Mt. Vernon, has been named a United States National Award Winner in Mathematics.

This award is a prestigious honor very few students can ever hope to attain. In fact, the Academy recognized fewer than 10% of all American high school students.

Matthew, who attends RCMS, was nominated for this national award by Mrs. Melissa Singleton, a teacher at the school.

Matthew will appear in the United States Achievement Academy Official Yearbook, which is published nationally. "Recognizing and supporting our youth is more important than ever before in America's history. Certainly, United States Achievement Academy winners should be congratulated and appreciated for their dedication to excellence and achievement," said Dr. George Stevens, Executive Director of the United States Achievement Academy.

The Academy selects USAA winners upon the exclusive recommendation of teachers, coaches, counselors, and other qualified sponsors and upon the Standards of Selection set forth by the Academy. The criteria

for selection are a student's academic performance, interest and aptitude, leadership qualities, responsibility, enthusiasm, motivation to learn and improve, citizenship, attitude and cooperative spirit, dependability and recommendation from a teacher or director.

Matthew is the son of Harold and Sandy Whitaker of Mt. Vernon and the grandson of Billy and Betty Ann Whitaker of Mt. Vernon and Edith Lunsford of Brodhead.



Matthew Whitaker

Hensley named National Award Winner in English

The United States Achievement Academy announced that Maria Hensley of Brodhead has been named a United States National Award Winner in English.

This award is a prestigious honor very few students can ever hope to attain. In fact, the Academy recognized fewer than 10% of all American high school students.

Maria, who attends RCMS, was nominated for this national award by Mrs. Susan Coffey, a teacher at the school.

Maria will appear in the United States Achievement Academy Official Yearbook, which is published nationally.

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Maria is the daughter of Sherry and Ray Hensley and the granddaughter of Laura and Harvey Hensley and Eugene and Sue Halcomb and William Bentley and Betty Hensley, all of Brodhead.



Maria Hensley

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Mt. Vernon Message

Special Events: Testing is now underway. Students are working hard and putting forth their best efforts. The following information is an excerpt from Testing in Kentucky: A Parent's Guide to the Commonwealth Accountability Testing System. Parent's Hints For Academic Success:

Talk with teachers, counselors and principals about concerns.

Set a daily study time.

Discuss homework with your child. Stress responsibilities and see that homework assignments are done.

Look for and praise progress in your child's schoolwork.

Encourage your child to ask questions at home and in class.

Let your child know you think a good education is important.

Keep track of your child's progress all year.

Read with your child.

Help your child with various learning activities.

Show your child you're interested.

Don't spend a lot of time "drilling" on schoolwork, but look for ways to make learning a part of everyday activities (real life).

Use the KDE web page specially developed for parents (<http://www.kde.state.ky.us/parents/>).

Make sure your child gets a good night's rest the night before tests and eats a good breakfast on test day.

Encourage your child to write. Ask to see examples often and encourage them to work on their portfolio.

Working Toward Success on Tests

Know when tests are scheduled and keep up with results of tests.

Don't schedule appointments, trips or interruptions during testing.

Encourage your child to do his/her best on tests.

Remind your child of the importance of reading directions carefully and not rushing through a test.

Learn what an open response question is and how to help your child answer them (<http://www.kde.state.ky.us/parents/curriculum/>).

publications (responses) can help with this).

Remind your child about the importance of tests scores in their lives and future. It's not just a reflection of the school and teachers, but also of their level of performance.

Nominations for Parent members of the Mt. Vernon Elementary School Based Decision Making (SBDM) Council are currently being accepted by MVES Principal Rosamond Brown. Nominations must be made in writing and given to Mrs. Brown by 3:00 p.m. Wednesday, May 2, 2001.

A parent member of the SBDM Council shall be a parent, stepparent or a guardian of a student to be enrolled during the parent's term of council service. A parent Council member shall not be an employee of that school or of the District Central Office, the relative of an employee of that school or of a local School Board member. Relative shall mean father, mother, brother, sister, husband, wife, son, daughter, aunt, uncle, son-in-law or daughter-in-law.

The parent election will be conducted by the Parent/Teacher Group president at the regular meeting on Monday, May 14, 2001, at 6:00 p.m. **Art Prize:** Last week's art prize winner was Robyn Suffridge of Mrs. Asher's fourth grade classroom. Congratulations Robyn!

Artist of the Month: April's artist of the month is Britany Calhoun from Mrs. Clark's fourth grade classroom. The title of her painting is "Spring Beauty." This landscape painting was created at a Family Art Night. The Family Resource Center sponsors free art nights for students and their families.

Our subject matter was a spring blooming tree in a landscape. When painting, an artist must paint the background first - so we made our sky and land first. Next we added the foreground tree and flowers. Britany mixed some lovely pastel colors to give the effect of springtime. Welcome Spring!



Robyn Suffridge - Weekly Art Prize Winner



FCCLA members attend state meeting

Eight members of the RCHS FCCLA (Family, Career and Community Leaders of America) attended the state FCCLA meeting in Louisville last week. These members attended the meeting in an effort to gain knowledge in the area of family, leadership skills, anti-violence and career awareness.

Those attending were Rachelle Hammond, Ashley Mink, Jessica Carpenter, Travis Burton, Stephen Hopkins, Jessica Thacker, Lauren Clontz and Allison Andriks. Chaperones included Mrs. Robyn Johnson (FCCLA Adviser), Mrs. Angela (Kids' student teacher) and Ken Hopkins.

Mrs. Rachelle Hammond served on the state nominating committee to select state officers for the 01-02 school year.

Mrs. Robyn Johnson and Allison Andriks were chairpersons for the STAR Events competition on Wednesday.

The group will utilize the information they received by incorporating it into activities and projects for the coming school year.

Above, members and adviser are shown at the banquet session on Thursday night. First row from left: Mrs. Robyn Johnson, Lauren Clontz, and Jessica Thacker. Second row from left: Jessica Carpenter, Ashley Mink, Allison Andriks, Stephen Hopkins and Travis Burton. Not pictured was Rachelle Hammond.