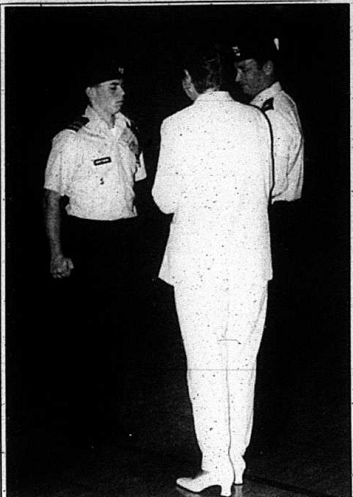




Anthony Northern receiving the National Sojourners Award from Mrs. Ruth Hamilton.

JROTC canoe down Rockcastle River

By SGM Taylor

Fifteen Rockcastle County JROTC Cadets, along with four chaparones, took a 12-mile canoe trip down the Rockcastle River last Saturday, the 12th of May. The trip started at Highway 25 and ended short of Highway 80.

Soon after the canoes were put in the water it was obvious that our JROTC program is affiliated with the Army and not the Navy. Only after a lot of laughing and shouting was everyone lined up in the water for the obligatory group photo before the trip officially began. After the photo, the majority of the canoes took off down-stream, with CSM Robinson leading the way in a kayak, and Mr. Ralph McClure bringing up the rear of the main group. SGM Taylor, along with his wife, Jenny, trailed along with a couple of crows having a little difficulty with directional control of their canoes (some of the canoes kept ramming the bank of the river). Several times the two chaparones were in danger of flipping, due to laughing so hard at some of the frustrated cadets.

Eventually the trail group finally figured out how to keep their canoes pointing more or less (mainly less) downstream and took off after the lead group. They soon found the group piled in a huge traffic jam at the first shallow spot on the river. This pretty much set the pace for the entire trip. It's doubtful that any group canoeing the Rockcastle River could have laughed more or had as much fun as we did on this trip. By the end of the twelve-mile trip the entire group had learned to control their canoes as they shot through the numerous shallow spots along the river. Most of them also discovered how to upright their canoe after tipping over. In fact, some of the cadets should be an expert at it.

Cadets going on the trip were: Tim Tyler, Tara Thompson, Justin Cornelius, Ronald Willey, Justin Richards, Cody Owens, Chris Kirby, Chris Eldridge, Ross McClure, Claudia Vejrazka, Jessica Toothman, Sara Steele, Samantha Does, Adam Stallsworth and Josh Hayes.



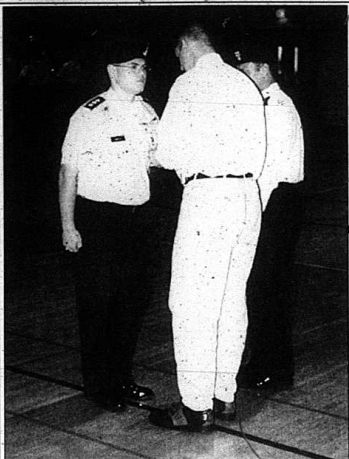
Claudia Vejrazka and Jessica Toothman uprighting their canoe assisted by Ronald Willey, Justin Cornelius and Josh Hayes.



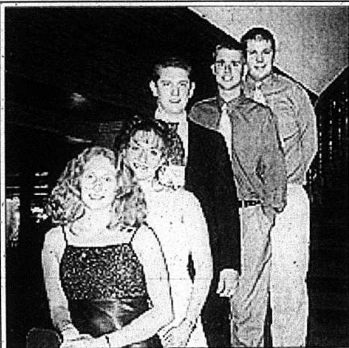
Tara Thompson and Tim Tyler.



RCHS JROTC canoes the Rockcastle River.



Jefferson Smith receives the Order of Daedalian JROTC Award from Barry Noble.



Students participating in the State FBLA Conference are pictured above from left: Jessica Saylor, Kim Mullins, Kyle Parsons, Stephen Hopkins and Brandon Reynolds.

Office Tech students excel at State FBLA Conference May 8th

Five students from Rockcastle County Area Technology Center traveled to Louisville's Executive West on May 8th for FBLA's State Conference.

Students participated in competitions and the office election campaigns. Brandon Reynolds competed in the Chapter Web Site competition; and Stephen Hopkins - Technology Concepts. Jessica Saylor campaigned for a state officer position with Kim Mullins and Kyle Parsons as her campaign manager. Jessica was appointed the office of State Treasurer. Administrative certification

Three students from the Office Technology program achieved scores on the state's Administrative Support Skills Test. These students were required to pass an objective exam as well as a performance exam in the administrative support area.

Those students who achieved this were: Jamie McElerron, Stephen Hopkins and Tammy Blackburn. These students will receive a certificate in Administrative Support from the state of Kentucky.

We congratulate those students for this accomplishment!!

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 continued support of technical education.

Minds in the Middle

We enjoyed meeting the 5th graders from Roundstone Elementary and Brodhead Elementary this week. We look forward to having those students at RCMS next year.

Next Thursday, May 11st, we invite all 5th graders to attend *Unwin' to the Middle*. Upcoming 6th graders and their families can meet the RCMS staff and learn more about the exciting things going on at our school. The event will begin at 6:30. Enjoy free pizza and refreshments and sign up for door prizes! Fifth graders will receive a free *Unwin' to the Middle* T-shirt.

We invite everyone to our 6th grade Social Studies Fair during school on Thursday.

There will be an after-school party this Friday from 3-5:00 p.m. Students need parental and team permission in order to stay. The cost is \$3.00.

Congratulations to the softball team. The girls placed second in the North Laurel Invitational Tournament over the weekend. The girls scored a total of 27 runs in their four games.

Congratulations to those girls who made the RCMS cheerleading squads for next year: Shawneetha Smith, Sammi Jo Proffitt, Samantha Anglin, Renee Taylor, Nicole Adams, Maria Hensley, Kesia Parsons, Kayla Lear, Holly Kidwell, Courtney Cordier, Claudia Brock, Chrystal Valerio, Amber D'Donato, Amy Anderkin, Amanda Bryant, Mercedes Burdette, Kim Cottrell, Mackenzie Marrie, Lorie McClure, Jerrika Poynter, Emily Reddington, Emily Whitaker, and Rachel Wright.

This Friday and Saturday, the track team will be competing in the Regional Track Meet. Good luck! GEAR-UP has some fun programs planned for 6th and 7th graders this summer. Contact Andy Beichter for more information.

Remember that Monday is Memorial Day and school will not be in session.



Each year, the South Central Middle School Athletic Conference recognizes outstanding scholar athletes. Recognized this year were above: Surprise Stallsworth, and below, football player Scott Cromer. Both of these students achieved a 4.0 standing at RCMS.



Nearly 200 students representing 16 schools, primarily from eastern Kentucky, competed on Friday, April 20, 2001 at the Cumberland College High School Mathematics Contest. Students had exams in six areas including Algebra I, Algebra II, Geometry, Pre-Calculus, Calculus, and Cooperative Group. Teams were given points based on how individual students placed in each category. Winners in each category were presented with medals and trophies by Cumberland College President Dr. Jim Taylor.

Representing Rockcastle County were: Anna Guilfoif, Algebra I; Chris Graves and Jeremy Rowe, Algebra II; Andy Hensley and Gretchen Phelps, Calculus; Amanda Chism, Cheyenne Carmack, Martina Maurer and Stephen Hopkins, Cooperative Group; Mindy Bullock and Ronnie Hess, Pre-Calculus.

Students also enjoyed a brief physics presentation by Cumberland College professors and students, demonstrating how math principles are applied in physics. The Math Contest is a long time tradition at Cumberland College. Contest coordinator, Diane Jamison explains the tradition, "Our goal is to prepare high school students in the fields of mathematics, mathematics education, physics, physics education and engineering. The contest also gives students a chance to improve their test-taking skills to prepare for college entrance exams. Students can experience not only Cumberland's campus, but also the creative professors that teach in our Mathematics and Physics Department." For more information about the Math Contest, or to send a team from your school next year, please contact Diane Jamison at (606) 539-4314.