

Cox receives Gilpatrick Memorial Scholarship

By Martha Cox

The Rockcastle Kiwanis Club has chosen Tara Brooke Cox as the 2001 recipient of the Virginia Gilpatrick Memorial Scholarship. This one thousand dollar scholarship, given each year by the Kiwanis Club to a deserving graduate at RCHS for their community service and academic achievement, is given in memory of the late Ginny Gilpatrick who was a fellow Kiwanian and a community servant. This year's recipient has shown outstanding community service to Rockcastle County by her many years of work and achievements. Tara says, "Helping others has always been one of my passions and since I was six years old, it has been how I have spent most of my time." Tara has belonged to many Christian-based community service organizations including the Key Club as an officer, a board member, the National Honor Society for three years; the Beta Club for six years; KREEPS (Kids Reaching Everyone Everywhere Providing Solutions) for two years; the Y Club for seven years; a charter participant in the Georgetown College Presidential Mentorship Program; a member of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes; a charter member and president of the Builder's Club for one year; a member of Family, Careers, and Community Leaders of America organization; a member of the Soldiers of Christ. With all these organizations she has spent countless hours in the community, in her school, and in her church helping with numerous activities. By helping others, Tara says she has been able to put her petty problems and stresses into perspective and to remember not to take life that God has given her for granted. In 1999, Tara was honored with the Hugh O'Brian Youth Leadership certificate after completing 889 hours of community service. Included in

this recognition was the statement that Tara had shared the spirit of kindness and the warmth of community through an immeasurable contribution of time and effort. She was also honored with the President's Student Service Award for her commitment to serving others.

Tara Brooke is the daughter of Tamara Cox of Mt. Vernon and Bobby Cox, also of Mt. Vernon. She recently graduated from RCHS with a 3.83 Grade Point Average. After a two week trip to Europe, Tara will begin a six-week Pre program for pre-med students at the University of Louisville. In the fall, she plans to attend Transylvania University in Lexington, where she plans to major in biology and double-minor in chemistry and psychology. She also plans to become a member of the swim team along with several community service organizations. Tara has received over \$16,000 in scholarships and awards that will be a great help to her in reaching her goal in the medical field.

Tara says she became involved with the Kiwanis Club early in her life and through its members, she first experienced the power of helping someone in need, and realized the importance of this is not only others' lives, but also in her own. Tara certainly has the best wishes of the Rockcastle Kiwanis Club who she has so graciously assisted in many activities, too numerous to mention, throughout the years. As we look at Tara and all those other young students like her, who have already given so much of themselves to public service, we realize we are only seeing the first sentence of the first chapter of a long, long rewarding life that will benefit everyone in their path. Thanks, Tara for setting a good example for us all.



Stephen Hopkins recently accepted his Presidential Scholarship to Georgia Tech. Looking on are his parents, Tony and Donna Hopkins. Back row from left: RCHS Assistant Principal Barry Noble, RCHS Principal Ruth Hamilton, RCHS Counselor Dale Whitaker and Stephen's brother, Ken.

Hopkins receives Georgia Tech Presidential Scholarship

Stephen Bernard Hopkins, son of Tony and Donna Hopkins, has chosen to attend the Georgia Institute of Technology in Atlanta, Georgia. Hopkins, a recent graduate of Rockcastle County High School and valedictorian of the class of 2001 has accepted Georgia Tech's top award for incoming freshmen, the President's Scholarship.

Hopkins successfully competed with other candidates on the basis of leadership in extracurricular activities, an essay, high school grades, standardized test scores, teacher recommendations, and two round of interviews. The competition for the scholarship increased significantly over 4,265 students applied by the October 31, 2000 deadline, up from less than 800 in 1997. Screening the pool of applications narrowed the candidates to 780 semifinalists. Stephen's first round of interview were held in Lexington, KY in January by a Georgia Tech alumni committee from Kentucky. This first round of interviews resulted in 146 students being selected as finalists for the prestigious President's Scholarship. The final interviews were held

in Atlanta on the Georgia Tech campus with a weekend of activities for both parents and students.

"We are very excited that Stephen has chosen to become a member of the new class. He has the potential to make a tremendous impact on Georgia Tech during his time here," said Randy McDow, program coordinator.

As a President's Scholar from outside the state of Georgia, Stephen will receive a generous financial award for four years. Hopkins, along with other President's Scholars, will also enjoy the following benefits: the ability to apply for the Fleet International Scholarship to study abroad; early registration for classes; and guaranteed on-campus housing. Stephen will attend a four-day retreat in the mountains of north Georgia before school starts in August.

Stephen is the grandson of Kenneth and Reita Hopkins and the late Joyce Hopkins of Mt. Vernon, Johnnie and Martha Bernard of Russell Springs, and the great grandson of Mary Ida Laswell of Breathed and the late Nancy Helton.

EKU announces Spring Semester Dean's List

Eleven Rockcastle Countians are among 1,447 students at Eastern Kentucky University who were named to the Dean's List for spring semester study.

Local students named to ECU's spring semester Dean's List include: Diana Bond, Jamie Bryant, James Bullock, Jonathan Burdette, Dustin Crawford, Susan DeBord, Jennifer Dridelot, Angie Lawless, Christy Mink, Marcus Reppert and Kevin Scott.

To achieve Dean's List honors at ECU, students attempting 14 or more credit hours are must earn a 3.65

GPA, and students attempting 12 credit hours earn a 3.75 GPA.

"We are pleased to recognize outstanding academic achievement at Eastern Kentucky University," said ECU President Bob Kustra. "These students' classroom performance reflects both their diligence and the hard work of our faculty."

Of all the Dean's List students last semester, 509 earned a perfect 4.0 grade point average.

RCMS Honor Roll

RCMS 5th Grading Period HONOR ROLL

Entrepreneurs Team: Megan Alcorn, Amy Anderkin, Kayla Bishop, Mercedes Burdette, Curtis Burton, Ainsley Bussell, Victoria Clontz, Drew Davidson, Ashley Dollins, Steven Eversole, Josh Garrison, Meagan Griffin, Lakin Halcomb, Jacob Harding, Brandon Harris, Jody Howard, Chandler Hunter, Chris Hurst, Courtney Kirby, Kelli Martin, Jesse McCauley, Izak McQuay, Amanda Miller, Leanna Mink, Nanea Murrell, J.L. Polly, Douglas Dell Ponder, Megan Rader, Ashley Ridner, Cody Robinson, Brandy Salf, Kelsey Slem, Heather Spires, Ashley Stewart, Bethany Taylor, Emily Whisker.

Yogagers Team: Danielle Alexander, Lance Baldwin, Josh Blair, Bethany Bradley, Megan Bradley, Amanda Bryant, April Bullock, Lura Cash, Cody Childress, Danny Clark, Rebecca Cummins, Brandon Deborde, Laura Delaune, Justin Hensley, Jessica Hodge, Leanne Holden, Alicia Jackson, Matt Martin, Casey McClure, Erica McKinney, Emily Mink, Ashley Mullins, Lisa Northern, Jill Owens, Jerica Poynter, Becky Prewitt, Hillary Proctor, Emily Reddington, Steven Renner, Anna Reynolds, Lisa Robinson, Michael Van Winkle, Clint Walker, Rachel Wright.

Adventurers Team: Derek Adams, Nicole Adams, Dustin Albright, Jody Alexander, Megan Anderkin, Jessie Asher, Kayla Barnett, Ty Bottoms, Jared Brown, McKayla Bryant, Ashley Bullock, Melanie Bullock, Courtney Cordier, Ashley Goebel, Carter Hammond, Kayla Hayes, Dustin Hazelwood, Maria Hensley, Mary Hensley, Natasha Howard, Bridget Jones, Christin Kendrick, Heather Kems, Holly Kidwell, Rachel Killen, Brandy Kincer, Victoria Kirby, Brandon Lamb, Ashley Lunford, Johnny Mckee, Kyle Mullins, Sarah Myers, Kesia Parsons, Sammi Jo Proffitt, Mourine Ramey, Micah Renner, Leslie Robbins, Trestle Robinson, Alisha Smith, Brittany Smith, Gabe Stallworth, Leslie Stewart, Neisha Taylor, Amelia Woodall.

Shooting Stars Team: Justin Albright, Samantha Allen, Samantha Anglin, Danielle Arnold, Derrick Baker, Kendra Blanton, Elizabeth Bobo, Christine Bryant, Sarah Bullock, Tasha Burton, Elizabeth Bussell, Michael Campbell, Allison Carter, Bobbie Sue Chandler, Hannah Chism, Kasey Coates, Angela Coffey, Charles Cunigan, Brandon Durham, Kacie Feltner, Shanie Frederick, Kacie Gabbard, Kelli Grant, Ashley Harrison, Allison Hedrick, Nehay Helton, Heather Hopkins, Ashley Kimbrell, Rebecca Lawrence, Cody Lester.

Michael Lovell, Kayla McFerron, Cassie McGuire, Wesley McHugh, Sasha McHone, Lori Miller, Karen Mink, Tabitha Nickle, Travis Powell, Heather Rice, Jessica Robinson, Elizabeth Scarborough, Tyler Shearer, Ashley Smith, Shawanna Shear, Wendy Stewart, Matthew Taylor, Renee Taylor, Chris Winkler, Andrea Wright.

Challengers Team: Tim Albright, Brittany Anderson, Ashley Bell, Jackson Bray, Mary Brinson, Bill Burdett, Dustin Burdette, Harold Burdette, Leigh Ann Caldwell, Aaron Cash, Andy Coffey, Brandon Cole, Beth Coleman, Scott O'Brien, Genna Cummins, Rachel Denney, Stephanie Dennis, Jessica Dono, Chere Embs, Tasha Francis, Kelli Frederick, Scarlet Frederick, Jordan Hall, Brandi Hasty, Derrick Hensley, Ashley Himes, Latoya Lamb, Samantha Lewis, Kara Martin, Keri Mazurek, Gina McClure, Myranda McClure, Phillip McFerron, Mary Miller, Allison Mink, Cody Moore, Nikki Mullins, Katie Parsons, Sarah Parsons, Justin Perwell, Stephanie Proctor, Stacy Purcell, Joe Renner, April Riley, Courtney Rose, Tara Rowe, Paula Rowland, Tim Simpson, Josh Smith, Brittany Stearns, Katie Stevens, Justin Taylor.

Comets Team: Johanna Abney, Vanessa Adams, Jessica Alcorn, Gena Allen, Matthew Allen, Steven Anderson, Tiffany Anglin, Amanda Blanton, Carlissa Bond, Phillip Boring, Brooke Bradley, Kayla Bryant, Daniel Bustle, Josh Bustle, Katelyn Cash, Amanda Childers, Brent Clontz, Hollyann Colson, Cole Dorsey, Mark Dehouse, Jamie Ellison, Kayla French, Ryan Gabe, Ben Graves, Dejon Graves, Gabe Guilfoil, Heather Hammond, Josh Hasty, Ashlee Hubbard, Derreck Hurst, Sherry Johnson, Brandy Kirby, Ronny McClure, Emily McKinney, Ashley Miller, Robby Mink, Ashley Mize, Kent Mullins, Brittany Offutt, Megan Parker, Amy Parsons, Zac Pensol, Brittany Perkins, Rose Prewitt, Blake Roberts, Rick Sandusky, Max Saylor, Kacey Scoggin, Donnie Sowder, Erik Stallworth, Surprise Stallworth, Casey Taylor, Matthew Whitaker, Cassy Willey, Amanda Wright, Jessica Zupancic.

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Kiwanis Club president Donald Coyle presents to Tara Brooke Cox the \$1,000 Virginia Gilpatrick Memorial Scholarship for outstanding community service award and academic achievement.

JROTC Rifle Team finishes in seventh place at Atlanta

The Rockcastle County High School JROTC Rifle Team finished seventh place out of 25 states represented in the Second Annual National Junior Olympic Third Position Air Rifle Championship (Sporter) held in Atlanta Georgia during 10-13th of June. Rockcastle's final team score of 4023/4800 followed Louisiana's first place score of 4260/4800.

Individually, Tim Tyler placed 33rd overall, out of 109 competitors, with a score of 1021/1200. Jonathan Noe placed 44th with 1005/1200. Zachary Shepherd placed 48th with 1000/1200 and Shannon Bullock

placed 49th with 997/1200. Also attending the competition was team member Ronald Willey. This competition marks the end of the best season the team has had since we started six years ago. Highlights of the season include winning the state championship, where all four of our competitors were named to the state all-star team, and winning the preliminary competition in Shelbyville where we earned the right to represent Kentucky at the Nationals.

The team would like to thank the

Rockcastle County school system, whose policies allow all Rockcastle County students to travel to competitions such as this. Without them, the Rifle Team and other teams in our county school system would be unable to compete like we do. We would also like to thank Citizens Bank for sponsoring the team for this trip. The team would like to thank the family members who traveled to Atlanta to attend the competition: Johnny and Debby Mobley, John Tyler and Mrs. Jenny Mobley.



Team members who traveled to Atlanta, from left: Ronald Willey, Zach Shepherd, Shannon Bullock, Jonathan Noe, team captain Tim Tyler, and team coach SGM Keith Taylor.

Please check only one:

- ☐ Teacher
☐ Parent
☐ Community Member

The Rockcastle County Middle School SBDM (School Based Decision Making) Council is seeking your input about the criteria that you consider important for a principal. Please indicate with a check, the three criteria you value for the new principal.

A principal for Rockcastle County Middle School:

1. Advocates and sustains, as an instructional leader, a school culture and instructional program conducive to student learning and staff professional growth.
2. Creates a learning environment in which students have the knowledge, skills, and values needed to become successful adults.
3. Promotes a culture of high expectations for self, student, and staff performance.
4. Establishes partnerships to strengthen programs and support school goals including writing and working with grants.
5. Promotes a safe and secure learning environment.
6. Exhibits judgment guided by high morals, ethics, and integrity.
7. Has organizational skills and abilities.
8. Will be an effective disciplinarian.
9. Understands the needs, concerns, and problems of students, staff, and parents.
10. Recognizes and celebrates student and staff accomplishments.
11. Accepts responsibilities.
12. Exhibits effective oral and written communication skills.
13. Develops and builds good public relations with the community including parent volunteers.
14. Deals with problems by recognizing when a decision is required and acting quickly with sound judgment.

Middle school experience preferred

If you consider any other items important, please list below. You may use this space for additional comments.