

FFA competes at ECU

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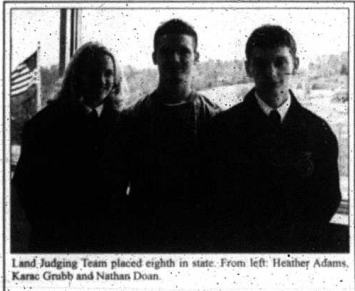
Recently the Rockcastle County FFA competed in many competitions held at Eastern Kentucky University. Those who went as delegates and representatives for the chapter were: Bryanna Russell, Chris McGuire and Rebekah Lyons. Jason Leger and Eric Clark competed in the Junior and Senior division of tractor driving and safety contest. Heather Adams, Kara Grubb and Nathan Doan participated in the land judging competition. Phillip McFerron, Chris Alexander, Brandon Grubb, Ryan Graham,

Daniel Bustle, Robert Mink, Mark Dyehouse, Jessica Alcorn and Brittany Cromer, all were members of the freshman parliamentary procedure. In competitions, Rockcastle came out with great standings. Our freshman Parliamentary Procedure came out on top, winning first place. Jason Leger came out with fourth place in the junior division of tractor driving and our land judging team placed second and, before that they had placed eighth at the state level.

Congratulations to all who competed and participated.



Members of the freshman parliamentary procedure are pictured above, front row from left: Phillip McFerron and Chris Alexander. Back row from left: Brandon Grubb, Ryan Graham, Daniel Bustle, Robert Mink, Mark Dyehouse and Jessica Alcorn. Not pictured was Brittany Cromer.



Land Judging Team placed eighth in state. From left: Heather Adams, Kara Grubb and Nathan Doan.

Five Rockcastle students named to Dean's List at SCC

Five students from Rockcastle County, who attend Somerset Community College, were named to the Dean's List for academic achievement during the Fall Semester of 2001. A total of 278 SCC students earned the honor this past semester.

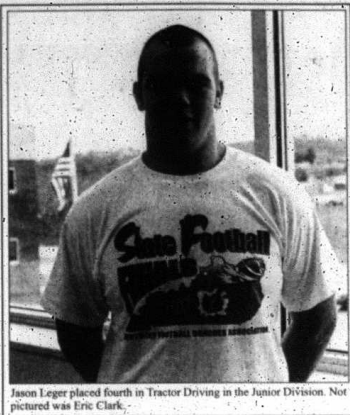
That represents slightly over 10 percent of the total student body attending the local community college.

In order to be honored as a member of the Dean's List, a student must maintain a 3.50 Grade Point Average (GPA) and be a full-time student at Somerset Community College. A full-time student must take classes totaling at least 12 credit-hours during a semester excluding any developmental courses.

Rockcastle County students who achieved the Fall 2001 SCC Dean's List are Ricky J. Bowles, Devin P. Graves, Eric C. Helton, Lucas D. McKibben and Alicia K. Mylin.

Somerset Community College, Somerset Technical College and Laurel Technical College make up the Somerset Community and Technical College District. It is one of 16 districts within the Kentucky Community and Technical College System (KCTCS).

For information about attending any of the schools in KCTCS, call (606)679-8501, ext. 3219.



Jason Leger placed fourth in Tractor Driving in the Junior Division. Not pictured was Eric Clark.

Local students ECU Student Teaching

Three Eastern Kentucky University students from Rockcastle County are among 164 teacher education students who are student teaching this semester.

ECU's College of Education places its student teachers in classrooms to gain practical teaching experience, said Dr. Bruce Bonar, director of professional laboratory experiences. The student-teaching experience is required for certification and follows on-campus instruction in teaching fundamentals, methods and subject-matter areas. Prior to student teaching, Eastern student teachers spend at least 150 hours in a variety of schools learning about teaching.

The student teachers are working at the secondary, elementary and middle-school levels and in special education classrooms.

Local residents and the school to which they have been assigned include: Rebecca Anglin of Brodhead; Dr. Bruce Bonar of Mt. Vernon; Madison Southern in Berea and Kimberly Rene Wolfe of Mt. Vernon has been assigned to Rockcastle County Middle School.

"Each student teacher works closely with an experienced classroom teacher and a member of the College of Education faculty who is committed to this important learning experience, and the student's success," Bonar said. "Our teacher education graduates are well-prepared and we are confident they will meet the educational challenges of the 21st century."

ECU students preparing for teaching careers also have the unique advantage of gaining practical classroom experience at Model Laboratory School, the only laboratory school in Kentucky and one of the largest in the nation. Model Lab provides educational experiences that might otherwise be unavailable for future teachers.

Eastern is the Commonwealth's largest producers of classroom teachers and school administrators.

"The success of our teacher education program is based on high admission standards, a dedicated faculty and a course of study that combines strong content and methodology courses with practical experiences in a variety of school settings, including our own nationally-recognized laboratory school, before our students student-teach," said Dr. Mark Wasicko, dean of ECU's nationally accredited College of Education. "We believe it is our duty to prepare the best possible future teachers who in addition to teaching their

subjects will positively impact the lives of students and improve their communities."



On January 12, 2002, members of the Rockcastle Co. Marching Rockets attended the 2002 Bluegrass All-Regional Concert and Symposium in Middlesboro, Ky. The conductor for the Concert Band was Dr. Earle Louder. Dr. Earle Louder is a free lance euphonium soloist, conductor, clinician, adjudicator and brass instrument consultant. Dr. Louder is a retired distinguished professor emeritus from Morehead State University, where he was for 28 years, Professor of Euphonium, Tuba and Trombone. The conductor for the Symphonic Band was W. Dale Warren. W. Dale Warren, Director of Concert Bands and Associate Professor of Music, is the conductor of the Wind Symphony at the University of Arkansas. Professor Warren also teaches Music Education courses and Graduate Conducting. Rockcastle Co. was just one of 32 schools who attended in Middlesboro. Pictured from left are: Ricky Barrett, who will attend the 2002 All-State Band in early February, Shana Noe and Cody Moore, all three were in the Symphonic Band. Cassie Smith and Scott Cain were in the Concert Band and Mr. Greg Daugherty, Director of the Marching Rockets. Congratulations Rockcastle Marching Rockets!



Rockcastle County Middle School has 31 new students in their band program this year. The sixth graders, along with seventh and eighth graders, participated in concerts in December. Members of the sixth grade band are, front row from left: Brittany Payne, April Johnson, Franzyna Childress, Beverly Miller, Emily Renner, Brooke Kirby, Stephanie Carr, Tom Baker, Katie Williams and Casey Dillingham. Second row from left: Annie Harts, B.J. Thompson, Joey Chastain, Tyler Vaughn, Cassie McFerron, Terry McKinney, Willie Martin and David Harris. Third row from left: Zach Abney, Kayla Owens, Sarah Cain, Darin McKinney, Zach Stephens, Rebekah Gevedon, Laynah Vance and Matthew Miller. Back row from left: John Mark Davis, Chris Ayers, Zach Miller, Tyler Ingram, Mr. Daugherty and Nathan Gibbons.

Church News

Revival

Livingston Pentecostal Holiness Church will host a Revival beginning Feb. 11 at 7 p.m. with Bro. Jasper Carpenter, Evangelist. Pastor Bro. James M. Miller welcomes everyone to come worship.

Gospel Sing

Roundstone Baptist Church will be featuring the Southern Gospel Group, "One Voice," who will be presenting the gospel in song, on Feb. 17th at

the 11:30 a.m. worship service. Everyone welcome to join us in worshipping God.

Need a Ride?

Mt. Vernon Nazarene Church now has a van ministry. God has blessed. We invite you to come grow with us. Need a ride? We would love to come and get you. Call 758-0090 for more info.



Ethan Alexander McGuire was born on December 3, 2001 at Ephraim McDowell Regional Medical Center. He is the son of Kennetha Michelle McGuire of Danville and Jerry Lee Baker of Nancy. Maternal grandparents are Patricia C. McGuire of Danville and Kenneth McGuire of Copper Creek. Paternal grandparents are Lawrence and Emma Baker of Nancy. We proudly announce the birth of Ethan.

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Carmack named to Dean's List

Amber C. Carmack, a Western Kentucky University student has been named to the Dean's List, President's List for the Fall 2001 semester.

Students making the Dean's List have a grade-point average of 3.4 to 3.79 in a 4.0 scale. Students on the President's List have GPAs of 3.8 to 4.0.

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