

RCHS welcomes new English teacher

BY ROBERT KIRBY

Rockcastle County High School has added a new teacher to their staff for the final grading period. Ms. Angela Baker is replacing Ms. Wanda Burdine, who is off on maternity leave, as teacher of English II.

Baker has been in the education field for 10 years. Not exactly sure of what she wanted to do, she started out as Family Resource Director at Kit Carson Elementary in Madison County. From there she went on to teach drug prevention to third and fourth graders. Now, as an English teacher, Baker says, "I have finally found my niche."

Students from her class say that Baker is a great teacher, and that even though she came in during the middle of the year she has settled right in.



"Ms. Baker teaches in a way that is easy to learn," says sophomore Kimberly Ayers.

Baker said that the hardest thing about coming to a new school was the same as for a student—not knowing anyone.

"The other teachers make it easy though. If I am having a problem with the curriculum all I have to do is step outside between classes and ask."

Baker is only here for the rest of the semester, however she would love to stay if a position did open.

JROTC, band, chorus add to RCCHS awards

BY JESSICA DENNY

When you think of awards, and competition you sometimes limit yourself to thinking about sports. But if you take a look around the JROTC, chorus, and band programs bring plenty of recognition to RCCHS.

The JROTC air rifle team won the state in mid-December. An outstanding performance was given by Shannon Bullock. He won the state individual championship in the sporter category. In the following months the JROTC will be competing in the Raider competition.

Members of the chorus will be performing in the winter concert which will be held near the end of February. The concert will be highlighting the musical *Evita*. They will hold a second concert in the spring. This concert will be "Disco in the 70's."

But chorus doesn't end there. All the practicing helped send four seniors to participate in All-State Chorus last week: Melinda Coffey, Ronnie Hess, Amber Thacker, and Clifton Williams.

"What more could you ask for? Two hundred people who like to sing in one choir two days out of



Senior Ricky Barrett, on right, is the first RCCHS band member to be named to all-state in 15 years. (photo by Tim Tyler)

school, and shopping, all in Louisville," said an excited Coffey.

Members of the band are bringing recognition to the school by participating in All-Regional Band January 10-12.

It was a two day rehearsal clinic, with a concert given on the second day. Band members participating in the clinic were freshman Cody

Moore, sophomore Scott Cain, and seniors Ricky Barrett, Cassie Smith, and Shana Noe.

"I'm a percussionist so there's a lot of heavy lifting, and your on your feet 15 hours day. But the final product is well worth it," said

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My best friends are:

My favorite musical groups include:

My favorite class/teacher is:

When I finish school, I hope to pursue a career in:

(first choice)

(second choice)

The most exciting things that have happened this school year are:

The things I will most remember about this year are:

When my class has a reunion in several years, I want to be sure to remember:
