

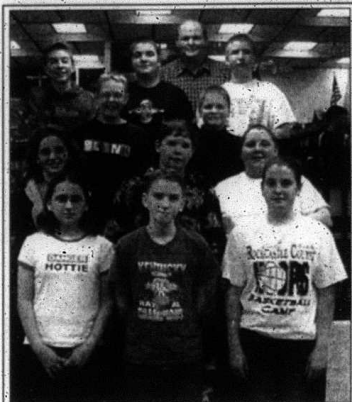
RCMS Academic Team competes

The RCMS Academic Team recently participated in the annual Governor's Cup competition. The District competition took place on February 7, at Berea Community Middle School. The Katherin Hunter Sportsmanship award was presented to the Rockets. The sportsmanship award is given by a majority vote among students representatives from every school. The Rockets also took third place in the Quick Recall competition, which was unfortunately not enough to go to the Regional competition.

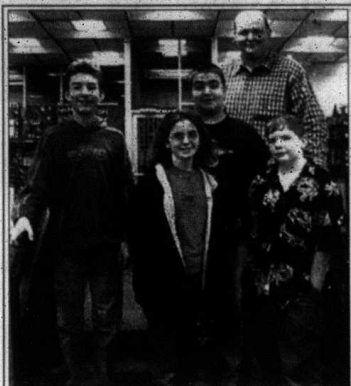
The following individuals placed

high enough in the Written Composition and Assessment tests to move on to Regional Governor's Cup:
Science: 1st place - Michael Campbell, 3rd place - Hannah Chism and 5th place - Justin Miller.
Language Arts: 5th place - Cody Howard.
Math: 5th place - Hannah Chism.
Written Composition: 4th place - Megan Bradley and 5th place - Anna Reynolds.

The Rocket Academic Team would like to thank everyone who volunteered and helped to achieve so much this year!



RCMS Academic Team, front row from left: Veronica Miller, Chris Miller and Ashley Dollins. Second row from left: Anna Reynolds, Michael Campbell and Matt Miller. Third row from left: Josh Moberly and John Davis. Back row from left: Cody Howard, Justin Miller and Kyle Bussell. In the back is coach Brandon Hargis. Not pictured were Hannah Chism, Joey Chasteen, Megan Bradley and Andrea Wynn.



Regional Contenders - from left: Cody Howard, Anna Reynolds, Justin Miller and Michael Campbell. Also shown in the back is Coach Hargis.

Why bother with a Science Fair?

By Laetitia Pohlman

If you're a parent of an elementary or middle school child, you may be holding your breath. It's that time of year when schools start sending home information on science fairs. Believe it - there is a point to having a science fair. By encouraging your child to participate, you encourage creativity. Confidence will be gained in their own abilities. Imagine what the success and recognition will do for your child's self-esteem. A science fair also enhances and reinforces the school program, which works hard to help children meet the Kentucky Core Content Goals. A science fair helps children to discover and understand science by using the scientific method. Children get a chance to see how scientists work. This is a great opportunity for some real world application.

The hard part is allowing the child to complete the project without taking over. You don't want to hear, "We know who did that project!"

Suggest possible topics but your child should make the final decision. Help with materials and the display without taking over. Yes, this is easier said than done sometimes.

Help your child follow these steps to be successful. The first step is to get ideas from books, the Internet, or school. Your child needs to narrow the topic. For example, physical science is too broad. A narrower topic would be magnetism. The next step is to develop the hypothesis (a guess) and investigate the hypothesis. Once the child conducts the experiment, he/she will analyze the data and draw conclusions about what they did. The last step is to present the results in a display.

While a science fair project is hard work, the benefits outweigh the hassles. The increased confidence and self-esteem is hard to pass up in this day and age. So, grab your child and jump into the world of science.

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Minds in the Middle

We wish Lori Ann Miller the best of luck as she competes in the state spelling bee this Saturday in Louisville.

Our baseball team begins their season Monday at Clay County and the softball team will get started Tuesday at home versus Eastall County. We wish them great seasons.

Christi Marchant will be here this Thursday for enrichment activities with the Berea Talent Search students.

The ACT Explore assessment will be offered to 8th graders through our 21st Century Community Learning Center.

Ms. Cromer gave the assessment Wednesday afternoon and will offer another session next Tuesday, March 26. Permission forms may be picked up in the office.

We appreciate the Rockcastle County Health Department staff who will be at the RCMS library this Friday to sponsor a milk tasting test.

Congratulations to the 7th and 8th grade band members who were chosen to participate in this year's honor band: Steven Renner, Jesse McCauley, Drew Davidson, Josh Nation, Sarah Bullock, Elizabeth Bobo, Amanda Blankenship, and Samantha Anglin.



Congratulations to members of the 7th and 8th grade bands who were selected to participate in the 2002 Middle School Honors Band this year. These students, along with other top band students from across the region rehearsed this past weekend with conductor Debbie Shelton and performed in concert this past Saturday at Danville High School. The band members pictured are, front row from left: Steven Renner, Josh Nation and Drew Davidson. Back row from left: Band director Greg Daugherty, Sarah Bullock, Elizabeth Bobo, Samantha Anglin and Jesse McCauley. Not pictured was Amanda Blankenship.

School Menu March 25-29, 2002

Monday: Ham biscuit or cereal, toast, jelly, juice and milk.
Tuesday: Gravy 'n' biscuit or cereal, toast, jelly, juice and milk.
Wednesday: Pastry or cereal, toast, jelly, juice and milk.
Thursday: Pancake and syrup or cereal, toast, jelly, juice and milk.
Friday: Egg cheese biscuit or cereal, toast, jelly, juice and milk.

Lunch
Monday: Chili dog, french fries, fruit, dessert and milk.
Tuesday: Soup and sandwich, veggies and dip, crackers, fruit, cookie and milk.
Wednesday: Chicken nuggets, potato wedges, glazed carrots, fruit, dessert and milk.
Thursday: Manager's Choice
Friday: Ham, potatoes, broccoli and cheese, bread, dessert and milk.

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It is now time for a change of focus in Rockcastle County government. It is essential that we take a more progressive direction toward creating employment opportunities for our citizens. With huge layoffs and the potential closing of the plastics factory, we face the urgent challenge of bringing in new jobs and industry, as well as the long-range objective of insuring that our children and grandchildren have the opportunity to work and live in Rockcastle County. A large portion of the workforce of this county now travels outside its borders to find employment. I am committed to bringing industry and jobs to Rockcastle County, and I will work diligently and tirelessly to make this dream a reality.

As a new politician I am appalled by the rumors and false statements that people banter around and proclaim it to be part of "politics." One such rumor is that I advocate a 5% payroll tax. I will go on record in print as saying I am not for a 5% payroll tax. Anyone who has any understanding of county government would realize how absurd a 5% tax would be.

Also, an issue that needs clarification is the county debt liability. With the courthouse annex, the chip and seal note, the jail, the new county garage, and the encumbrance against the future road budget, the county's debt and liability stands at over four million dollars. Needless to say, this will be a challenging problem for the next administration.

We must take every effort to secure the maximum amount of grant money to support our volunteer fire departments. Our existing fire departments do a wonderful job of protecting our property as well as providing services to the county. We need to expand county fire department services so every person living in Rockcastle County can get fire insurance, and make sure the rates for all citizens are as low as possible.

In closing, I would like to challenge all candidates and voters to stick to real issues of concern, refrain from rumors and false statements, and let's commit ourselves to making this county a better place to call home. Many people in the county remember me from Saylor's Pharmacy, which I ran for twenty-five years. I built a successful business by treating everyone fairly and being attentive and helpful. I intend to run the office of County Judge Executive the same way.

Your friend,
 E. Howard Saylor

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