

KUNA Results

RCMS succeeds again

By: Samantha Anglin
This year, Rockcastle County Middle School carried on the tradition of being one of the best delegations at the Kentucky United Nations Assembly (KUNA). Already at the top with Secretary-General Jackson Bray, an eighth grader, Danielle Arnold, was elected to the position of European Summit President. Go, Danielle!

Congratulations to the seventh grade for being awarded with the "Best Display" Award. They did a magnificent job representing the country of France.

Although I, myself, did not get the Editor's position, after writing two of the five articles in the KUNA Chronicle, I did receive the "Outstanding Media Delegate" Award. Je KUNA delegates really accom-

plished a lot in this "Year of the Volunteer." Being the largest conference ever with over 1,500 delegates, many world problems were seen. While at KUNA, we discussed ways to stop wars, provide shelter for the homeless, encourage basic human rights, and many other topics. The Assembly raised over \$2,400 to donate to the Y.M.C.A. World Hunger Fund.

The most important thing I learned while at KUNA was the power of unity. As individuals, the biggest achievement some of us had was getting to our meetings on time! However, once there, we made a difference for our world by working together. Kentucky's state motto is, "United we stand, divided we fall." It is when we came together as one United Nation that we stood our tallest at this year's KUNA.



Samantha Anglin served on the KUNA Media Corps. The newspaper staff produced two newspapers during the Assembly. Samantha received the "Outstanding Media Delegate" award. She is the first student from RCMS to receive this award.



RCMS 7th grader Victoria Clontz received one of 20 Outstanding Speaker Awards at the recent Jr. Kentucky United Nations Assembly. Over 1500 middle school students competed for this award.



Jackson Bray, RCMS 9th grader, presided over the Kentucky United Nations Assembly last year. Jackson was elected last year to this highest ranking state office. His Executive Assistant was RCMS 8th grader Allison Carter.



Danielle Arnold, center, was elected President of the European Summit at the recent Jr. KUNA 2002. Her President Pro-Tem was Morgan Kincer. They were assisted in the Summit meetings by Jessica Asher, Executive Council member and chief page.



RCMS students Morgan Kincer and Michael VanWinkle portrayed Marcel Marceau as part of their Festival of Nations display. The students were representing France at Jr. KUNA 2002.



RCMS 6th graders attended their first Kentucky United Nations Assembly with Social Studies teachers Tammy and Tracy Gabbard. They represented the Fiji Islands. Ambassadors are front row from left: Seth Miller, Laura Childress, Abraham Kirby, Morgan Thacker, Seth Taylor, Courtney Bullock and Christopher Mullins. Back row from left: Mr. Gabbard, Jessica Cummings, John Mark Davis, Zachary Miller, Wesley Miller and Mrs. Gabbard.



Representing the country of France were 7th graders from RCMS. These students also received "Best Display" award for their Festival of Nations display. Front row from left: Drew Davidson, Morgan Kincer, Sara Spoonmore, Rachel Wright, Anna Reynolds, Hillary Proctor and Chris Hurst. Back row from left: Casey McClure, Emily Mink, Josh Garrison, Ashley Dollins, Brian Gilbert, Victoria Clontz, Michael VanWinkle, Emily Bassett, Emily Whitaker, Justin Lear, Cheri Cutaglin, Kim Correll and Josh Nathan.



RCMS 8th graders participated in the Kentucky United Nations Assembly as Ambassadors from Haiti. Front row from left: Keena Lawrence, Elizabeth Bobo, Carter Hammond, Rachel Killen, Heather Hopkins and Renee Taylor. Back row from left: Sarah Bullock, Zach Hale, Megan Anderkin, Martin Abney, Ty Bottoms and Ashley Bullock.

Richard Abney named National Award Winner

The United States Achievement Academy announced that Richard Abney of Crab Orchard has been named a United States National Award Winner for Honor Roll.

This award is a prestigious honor very few students can ever hope to attain. In fact, the Academy recognizes fewer than 10% of all American high school students.

Abney, who attends Lincoln County High School, was nominated for this national award by Mrs. Rankin, a counselor at the school.

Abney will appear in the United States Achievement Academy Official Yearbook, which is published nationally.

"Recognizing and supporting our youth is more important than ever before in America's history. Certainly, United States Achievement Academy winners should be congratulated and appreciated for their dedication to excellence and achievement," said Dr. George Stevens, Executive Director of the United States Achievement Academy.

The Academy selects USAA winners upon the exclusive recommendation of teachers, coaches, counselors, and other qualified sponsors and upon the Standards of Selection set forth by the Academy. The criteria for selection are a student's academic

performance, interest and aptitude, leadership qualities, responsibility, enthusiasm, motivation to learn and improve, citizenship, attitude and cooperative spirit, dependability and recommendation from a teacher or director.

Abney is the son of Joyce and Larry Allen of Crab Orchard and Tony Abney of Clay City. His grandparents are the late John and Joyce Shepherd of Stanton, Floyd Abney and late Elsie Abney of Clay City and the step grandsons of Joann Allen and the Quentin Allen of Brodhead.



Miller to compete in State Spelling Bee

Lori Miller, of Crab Orchard, has been declared eligible to compete in the Kentucky State Spelling Bee, scheduled Saturday, March 23, at the Seelbach Hilton Hotel in Louisville.

Miller is one of 50 Kentucky and southern Indiana youngsters who will compete for a trip to the Scripps Howard National Spelling Bee later this year in Washington, D.C. as well as other prizes.

This is the ninth year that the bee is being held as part of the Kentucky Derby Festival. Kentucky Farm Bureau is sponsoring the bee in conjunction with Churchill Downs and KWHAS Radio.

The Kentucky Network will broadcast the spelling bee competition, airing on KET Sunday, April 28 at 2:00 p.m. and on KET 2 Friday, May 3 during the prime time hours. Both telecasts will be paired with Governor's Cup Competition.

Kentucky Farm Bureau President Sam Moore said he is proud that Farm Bureau is able to support the students who participate in the spelling bee.

"Academic competitions such as the spelling bee help bring excitement into classroom schools, and send a message to students that learning language skills is important and

can be fun as well," Moore said.

"We want to congratulate all those students who have entered spelling bees in their schools, and wish each contestant at the state level the best of luck winning that coveted trip to Washington."

Kentucky students who have qualified for the state bee represent grades four through eight in public and private school systems across the state.

Local students win at FBIA conference

Over 700 students traveled to Eastern Kentucky University on March 6th to compete with other chapters for various awards. Rockcastle County Area Technology Center's local chapter took home many trophies this year.

Robert Sandusky, 2nd place Technology Concepts
Michelle Harrison, 2nd place Computer Applications
Shaina Lewis, 3rd place Word Processing II

Kim Mullins, 3rd place - Ms. Future Business Leader
Kim Mullins - Region 6 Who's Who in FBIA

Jessica Saylor - Region 6 Who's Who in FBIA

Brienne Gabbard & Jessica Saylor, 6th place - Bulletin Board

Matthew Mullins & Chris Brown, 2nd place - Community Service Project

Ashley Mink, 1st place - Name Tag

Mike Howard, Chris Mullins & Luke McCauley, 2nd place - Talent Show

These students will move on to the State FBIA Conference scheduled in May at Louisville where they will compete with other Regional FBIA chapters for the opportunity to advance to the National FBIA Conference in Nashville, Tennessee.

Ms. Ashley Mink will be seeking election for the office of State FBIA Secretary with Matthew Mullins as her campaign manager and Robert Sandusky nominating her at the Campaigning Session at the State Conference.

Dean's List

Eighteen Rockcastle Countians are among 1,340 students at Eastern Kentucky University who were named to the Dean's List for fall semester study.

Local students named to EKU's fall semester Dean's List include: Susan Debord, Zachary Gentry and Cassandra Taulbee, all of Brodhead; Jamie Bryant, Nathaniel Bullock, Jonathan Burdette, Vonda Carmack, Deborah Clark, Amber Coffey, Amber Falin, Leslie Hunt, April Martin, Catherine Midkiff, Lindsey Parsons, Warren Whitaker, Kevin Scott and Miranda Bullock, all of Mt. Vernon and Tasha Vanzant of Orlando.

To achieve Dean's List honors at EKU, students attempting 14 or more credit hours must earn a 3.3 grade point average out of a possible 4.0. Students attempting 43 credit hours must earn a 3.65 GPA; and students attempting 12 credit hours must earn a 3.75 GPA.

"We are always pleased to recognize outstanding academic achievement at Eastern Kentucky University," said EKU President Joanne Glasser.



Local Rockcastle students who competed at Region 6 FBIA Conference were (left to right) front row - Robert Sandusky, Michelle Harrison, Kim Mullins, Courtney Parsons. Middle row - Matthew Mullins, Ashley Mink, Jessica Carpenter, Jennifer Durham. Back row - Mike Howard, Luke McCauley, Chris Mullins, Jacklyn Albright, Brienne Gabbard, and Jessica Saylor. Not pictured were Daniel Pingleton, Chris Brown, Ashlee Bowles and Shaina Lewis.



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