



Mt. Vernon Elementary students have just completed 4-H Clothing Projects. Due to high participation, two sessions were scheduled. The first session was held March 18-22. Those participating were, from front row left: Tracie Jones, Whitney Whitaker, Courtney Ham and Megan Hood. Back row from left: Vicki Chastain (volunteer), Stephanie Graves, Brittany Hayes, Nancy Dickerson, Samantha Smith, Brittany Calhoun and Barbara Congleton (volunteer).



The second session of 4-H Clothing Projects at Mt. Vernon Elementary was held March 25-28. Those participating were, from front row left: Carissa Alcorn, Bethany Clontz, Tiffany Mason and Courtney Bentley. Second row from left: Jessica Mink, Frank Weaver, Jessi Hellat, Adrienne Childress and Rachel Hammons. Third row from left are volunteers Vicki Chastain, Barbara Congleton, Krystal Alcorn, Emily Mink and Anne Mink.

Bullocks among panelists at Honors conference

Thirty-seven Eastern Kentucky University Honors Program students made presentations at the Southern Regional Honors Council's 30th annual conference held recently in Atlanta, Georgia.

The Eastern students, accompanied by 10 faculty and staff members, were involved in 11 panel presentations. Both the number of students and the number of presentations led all other participating schools.

The participants included Mindy Bullock and Nate Bullock of Mt. Vernon.

The panel discussions included "Casualties of America's War on Drugs," "Cinematic Shakespeare," "The Future of Terrorism," "Gender Inequality in Education," "Learning Styles and Honors Program Students," "Oxford Debate: Who Emancipated the Slaves?," "Influences and Inspirations," "Civil Liberties," "American Civil War Women," "Female Genital Mutilation" and "Personal Computers and Social Change."

EKU's Honors Program is designed for intellectually promising students who seek a strong grounding in the liberal arts along with their more specialized major. The 28-credit-hour program includes courses work in the humanities, social sciences and natural sciences, with emphasis on effective communication, development of critical thinking skills and integration of knowledge across academic disciplines.

Students with excellent academic background are invited to apply to the program. National Merit finalists and semifinalists are automatically accepted. In addition, students with high school grade point averages of 3.5 or better on a 4.0 scale add with at least a score of 16 on the American College Test will be given priority.

Other students demonstrating the potential for outstanding academic performance also will be considered. For more information about the program, contact Dr. Bonnie Gray, director, at 859-622-1403.

Representative Danny Ford and (our new) Senator Ed Worley greeted us in the Rotunda for questions and pictures.

Along with our thanks to 21st-Century for sponsoring the trip, we want to also thank Supreme Court Justice Lambert, Rep. Ford and Sen. Worley for meeting with us. A big special thanks goes out to Ms. Sandy Bullock for making the arrangements and Rep. Danny Ford's staff for their assistance in planning the trip and taking such good care of us while we were there. The trip was fabulous and everyone should have the pure delight of visiting our beautiful Kentucky State Capitol.

After a morning of watching our government in action and enjoying a bit of pizza in the Capitol, Representative



Students from RCHS took a Business Law trip to Frankfort on March 15th. They are pictured here with Senator Ed Worley and Representative Danny Ford. Pictured from left: Daniel Pingleton, Senator Worley, Tammy Peyton, Ashlee Kindred, Nick Renner, Brittany Himes, teacher Polly Abney, Nikki Houk, Tabitha White, Tony Fernandez, Genna Cummins, Amanda Forbes, Courtney Alexander, Representative Ford, Amy French, Sandy Bullock, Travis Burton and Dallas Todd.



John Brown has completed Tech School graduating February 26, 2002 as an Air Crew Egress System Apprentice. Congratulations from Grandfather Clark Brown of Mt. Vernon and Grandmother Marie Vegetable of Disputanta.

McKinney named National Award Winner in English

The United States Achievement Academy announced that Erica McKinney of Mt. Vernon has been named a United States National Award Winner in English.

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

Erica, who attends Rockcastle County Middle School, was nominated for this national award by Karen Powell, a teacher at the school.

She 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 persons and upon the Standards of Selection set forth by the Academy. The criteria for



Erica McKinney

EKU President's List

Three Rockcastle Countians are among 207 students at Eastern Kentucky University named to the President's List for the Fall 2001 semester.

Those three students are Nathaniel Bullock and Kevin Scott, both of Mt. Vernon and Tami N. Taylor of Crab Orchard.

All three students were also named to the Fall Semester Dean's List at ECU.

"We are delighted that some of Rockcastle County's best and brightest students are studying with us at Eastern," said ECU President Joanne Glasser.

The President's List was established by the University to recognize outstanding academic achievement. It is bestowed upon full-time undergraduate students who attain a perfect 4.0 grade point average for a semester.

"All of us at ECU are committed to academic excellence and the success of our students," Glasser said. "And we are especially pleased to recognize students who have excelled to the point of perfection during a semester's work."

Sparks deployed for Enduring Freedom

Army Sgt. Dorian G. Sparks has been deployed to a forward operating area to support the mission of Operation Enduring Freedom.

Enduring Freedom is the official name given to the biggest U.S. military mobilization since the Gulf War in 1991. Members of all branches of the U.S. Armed Forces have been deployed and reserve components activated to support the war against global terrorism, combating the international terrorist network or regime.

Sparks is a fire team leader regularly assigned to the First Battalion, 49th Infantry Battalion (Mechanized) in London.

He is the son of Edna M. and stepson of Ted Durham of Mt. Vernon. The sergeant is a 1992 graduate of Jackson County High School.

Conservation District holds banquet for Art/Writing Contest winners at Pizza Hut



The Rockcastle County Conservation District is proud to announce the winners for the Jim Claypool Art/Writing Contest. The district would like to thank everyone who participated in the contest. A special "thank you" to Pizza Hut for hosting the banquet. County Winners, from left: RCHS Essay Winner Tammy Peyton and BES Art Winner Rachael Cash.



Two people recognized for their efforts: Katreka Cash - BES and Jhelinda Under - RCHS.



RCHS Essay Entries, from left: Shaina Lewis, 2nd place; Chris Settles, 3rd place and Tammy Peyton, 1st place.



BES Art Winners, from left: Joanie Alexander, 2nd place; Rachael Cash, 1st place and Brandon Mitchell, 3rd place.



MVES Art Entries, from left: Cody Kirby, 1st place and Ronnie Lathair, 3rd place. Absent was Danny Barnes, 2nd place.