

FFA attends camp

Rockcastle FFA officers and assistants recently attended the Kentucky FFA leadership training camp in Hardinsburg, during the fifth week of camp from July 8-12.

The 14 attendants, who participated, learned valuable social and leadership skills, which they plan to use in the upcoming year. At camp, the chapter members attended officer classes to learn skills needed to run their office efficiently, and also participated in classes such as Communication Skills, Hunter Safety and Ethics, Photography and Tractor Driving.

Athletics also took part in camp participation as chapters were broken into teams and competed against each other in sports like baseball, volleyball, softball, ping-pong and even Rook as well as chapter sports, waterball and volleyball in which RCHS gave a good effort.

As the week progressed, students were monitored carefully and earned

valuable leadership points, in which 10% of the campers were chosen for leadership awards with the highest amount of points, and 34 of those were chosen for outstanding leadership awards. Rockcastle had three leadership award winners, Heather Adams, Daniel Bustle and Matthew Whitaker. Rockcastle also had one outstanding leadership award winner, Bryanna Bussell.

Sophomore Matthew Whitaker participated in the camp quiz contest and came out as the winner for the fifth week. Another winner from Rockcastle was Senior Jamie Robinson participating in the camp talent show performing Bob Seger's classic tune "Turn the Page" making him the first person to win the contest in Rockcastle FFA history.

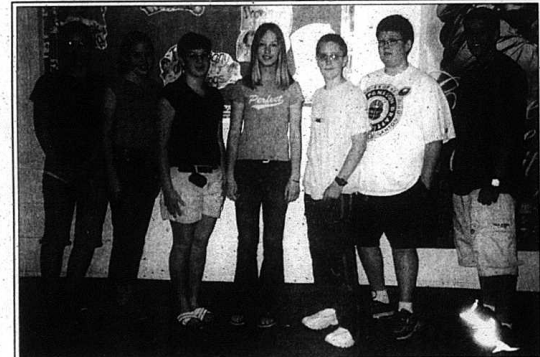
As the week came to a close, the members left with a renewed sense of leadership and hope to accomplish the goals they have set and put Rockcastle on the top of the list in the Kentucky FFA Association.



Talent show winner Jamie Robinson (left). Quiz contest winner Matthew Whitaker (right).



Leadership award winners from left to right Heather Adams, Daniel Bustle, Matthew Whitaker and Outstanding Leadership Award winner Bryanna Bussell.



The above seventh grade students qualified for this year's Duke Educational Talent Search State Recognition Program. Students qualify for state recognition based upon their ACT scores in each of the four areas of math, English, social studies and science. Students with a qualifying score were: Mackenzie Martin, Hillary Proctor, Victoria Clontz, Meagan Griffin, Josh Nation, Danny Clark, and Joshua Garrison. This was the largest group that RCMS has ever had to qualify for state recognition. RCMS also had their largest group eligible to participate in the Duke University Program with 64 seventh graders eligible.



Members participating at camp from left to right, top row: Jordan Hall, Daniel Bustle, Bryanna Bussell, Heather Adams, Jamey Robinson, Matthew Whitaker, Nathan Doan, Mark Dyehouse and Roy Reynolds (advisor). Bottom row: Jameson Cable, Donnie Sowder, Graham Faye, Brandon Cole, Bill Burdette and Jeff McLemore.

Minds in the Middle

The RCMS staff is hard at work preparing for the new school year. Our orientation will be Thursday evening from 6:00-7:30. All students are urged to attend. Door prizes will be given. School will begin for students next Thursday, August 15. School will dismiss that day at 11:00 a.m.

We look forward to better getting to know our new 6th graders. Our two day summer camp, Camp Rock, was a huge success. Thanks to Jason Cogger and the 21st Century Community Learning Center for organizing that event!

Any middle school students who are new to Rockcastle County may register with the school counselor, Ms. Cromer, at orientation on Thursday.

We would like to remind all incoming 6th graders that they must have a physical and an up-to-date immunization record before beginning school.

This Saturday *Know Your Schools* on WRVW will focus on school transportation. This will be on at 8:00 a.m.

21st Century Community Learning Center activities will begin on September 9th. Watch this article for further information.

For answers to any further questions, call the staff at RCMS at 256-5118. We are excited about a great new year!

YSC Update

This is the first of a series of sub-articles to appear with *Minds in the Middle*. Not only is it a requirement, it is also to inform, educate and perhaps entertain. Education, not unlike other agencies, is famous for acronyms and several will be used extensively in this section. Each will be explained as used, with some being familiar, others new. YSC - Youth Services Center, FRYSC - Family Resource Youth Services Center, OFRYSC - Office of Family Resource Youth Services Center.

FRYSC - Family Resource Center, and KERA - Kentucky Education Reform Act. FRYSCs were part of the 1990 Kentucky Education Reform Act. Each district in the state had the option to submit a grant for these centers to be located within the schools. Rockcastle was fortunate to have all grants funded. The mission of FRYSCs is to remove non-cognitive barriers to learning. FRYSCs are funded yearly by grants from the state. The money is allocated to the local board and is then used as directed by the Advisory Council and local school board. OFRYSC is located in Frankfort with nine regional offices throughout the state. Rockcastle is in Region 9 and the regional office is located in Barbourville, Kentucky. The unique characteristic of the FRYSCs is that each is independently governed by its Advisory Council and the needs within the individual school. No two FRYSCs are the same. YSCs are located in the middle and high schools, while FRCs are located in the elementary schools.

The RCMS YSC is open 8:00 a.m. through 3:00 p.m. with other hours by appointment. Comments and suggestions are welcome. Rebecca Cash, coordinator, and Kim Hunter, program assistant, may be reached at 256-5484. Until next week!

Stearns named to Dean's List at CC

Brandi Stearns of Monticello has been named to the combined winter/spring term Dean's List at Centre College, an honor reserved for students who maintain at least a 3.60 grade point average.

Stearns is the daughter of Jerry and Melissa Stearns of Monticello and Garland and Renee French of Mt. Vernon.

Hargis attends Science Workshop at NASA

Brandon Hargis, a sixth grade teacher at Rockcastle County Middle School in Mt. Vernon, recently completed a 10-day honors workshop for middle school teachers at the NASA Langley Research Center in Hampton, Virginia, sponsored by NASA and the National Science Teachers Association.

Mr. Hargis successfully completed with hundreds of other educators for one of 18 spots in the NASA Educational Workshop NEW (5-8) at NASA Langley. Nearly 250 other educators attended similar workshops at one of ten other Agency centers across the nation.

"My experiences in the NASA NEW program at Langley Research Center have strengthened my background in aviation and aerospace technology and continued to keep me on the path of a life long learner. It is my hope that the resources we discovered at NASA will be incorporated within hands-on, inquiry-based and portfolio appropriate lessons/activities that engage and inspire the next generation of explorers."

The NEW 5-8 program was designed in the wake of a national study which indicates that if students have

not developed an interest in math or science by the third grade, their chances of doing so decrease over time. NEW 5-8 was created to encourage students' enthusiasm for math and science by engaging their teachers in an exciting program that can be easily transferred across the elementary curriculum.

The NEW 5-8 program is a unique combination of scientific and technological information and hands-on experience. During the two weeks the teachers learned about cutting-edge NASA projects, visited NASA facilities, attended seminars by NASA researchers, engineers and technicians, and studied topics ranging from aerodynamics to interplanetary exploration. A portion of the program was devoted to NEW 5-8 Sharing, in which teachers shared ideas and strategies for translating their experiences into valuable, classroom material.

Educators are now encouraged to spread their knowledge beyond the classroom to other educators and to their community, yielding a heightened awareness of the importance of a strong math and science base in our increasingly technological world.



Brandon Hargis

School Menu

August 16, 2002

Breakfast

Friday: Sausage biscuit or cereal, toast/jelly, juice and milk.

Lunch

Friday: Pizza or breadstick and sauce, garden salad, corn, fresh fruit and milk.



Oak Hill School, Grades 1 - 8 - 1948-1949. Front row from left: Edith Lear, Barbara Monk, Jesse Holbrook, Angie Halcomb, Mary Louise Monk, Donald Monk, Patsy Parson, Loretta Deatherage, Mary Charlotte Holbrook and Ruth Holbrook. Second row from left: Walker Deatherage, Wanda Wilson, John Holbrook, Patricia Amburgey, David Sowder, Billie June Wilson, Jimmy Harold Roberts, Fay Wilson, Simmie Grubb and Barbara Lear. Third row from left: Melba Lear, Billy Ray Nicholas, Ann Lear, James Nicholas, Elva Jean Parson, Roy Sowder, Helen Sowder, Douglas Lear, Sue Lear and James Sowder. Fourth row from left: Billy Frith, Wilma Jean Frith, Dennis McCullah, Lynn Rose Doan, Edmund Wilson, Norma Jean Doan, Johnny Adams and Hazel Sowder. Fifth row from left: Cole Grace Wilson, Lucy Harris, Howell Holbrook, Cecil Abney, Frances Sowder, Virgil Abney, Dessie Deatherage, Donald McCullah, Alpha Monk and Barney Sowder.

Rockcastle County Middle School Orientation

Thursday, August 8
6:00-7:30 p.m.



All grade level students are urged to attend!

BRODHEAD ELEMENTARY Back To School Night

August 13, 2002 • 5:00 - 7:00 p.m.

- * Register new students
- * Visit your classroom
- * Join PTA
- * Visit your Family Resource Center
- * Prizes will be given