

Tiger Pause

Back-to-School Night was a huge success with over 550 people attending. Several door prizes were given and following are the winners. Kim Bishop, Krissey Richmond, Steve and Wanda Burdine, Angela Miller, Jennifer Addison and Linda Burton.

PTA is having a membership drive. The cost is \$3.50 for a single membership and \$5.50 for a joint membership. Remember that ALL parents, staff and community are encouraged to join. This shows our support of the activities the PTA provides throughout the year. PTA is a National Organization and the more members we have the better.

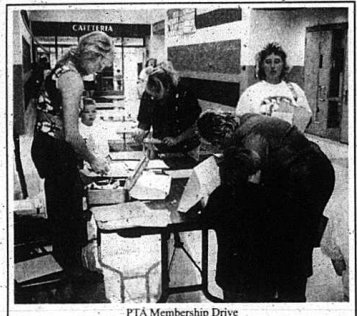
School is back in session and everything is running smoothly. Parents, please remember how important it is to have your child here on time so they can start their day off right. School starts at 8:00. Students should be headed to their classroom no later than 7:55. If your child wants to eat breakfast at school they should arrive

at 7:40.

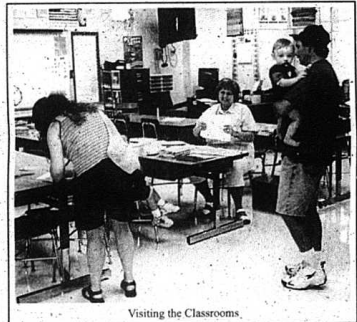
Remember, if your child must be absent you have to send a note in when he or she returns. If your child does not have a note the absence will be marked unexcused. Please call to tell us why your child is absent as early as possible. You will receive a computerized call in the evening reminding you to send in a note when your child returns.



Signing in at Back to School Night



PTA Membership Drive



Visiting the Classrooms



Door Prize Winners

Mt. Vernon Message

Welcome Back to School! Our halls are buzzing with excitement. We would like to extend a special welcome to Mr. Dwayne Lee, our new resource teacher.

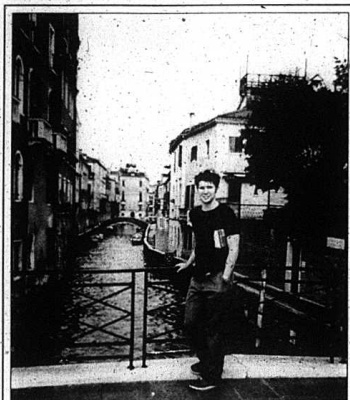
We will continue to use the Project Wisdom program this year. Each day a speaker will reiterate the quote of the week as well as the thought for the day. If you are interested in be-

ing a narrator, please contact Cindy Anderkin. We appreciate all those who have participated in the past.

MVES has a new arts block schedule for this school year. Students will be attending arts classes such as physical education, music, art and computer lab for ten consecutive days and then rotate to another class. This will allow students to receive instruction that is theme based and continuous. The first arts block begins Monday, August 19 and will continue for ten school days.

Our Family Resource Center will be holding its monthly council meeting on Thursday, August 22 at 11:30. Please mark your calendar for school pictures to be taken on Wednesday, August 28. Don't forget to dress up and wear your best SMILE.

Our quote for this week is "Minds are like parachutes; they only work when they are open."



James Nathaniel "Nate" Bullock was one of 19 students and four professors in a Kentucky study-abroad program that spent one week in Rome, four in Florence and long weekends traveling independently. He was awarded a Millennium Fellow Scholarship and a Harold Scholarship to apply toward his studies in Italy.

Nate's primary fields of study were architecture and art. His weekend travels included trips to Venice, Nice, Pisa and the French and Italian Riviera's.

Nate is a 1999 graduate of Rockcastle County High School. He is a senior art major at Eastern Kentucky University where he maintains a cumulative 4.0 grade point standing.

Minds in the Middle

Our staff and students have gotten off to a great start at RCMS!

We are especially looking forward to next Wednesday when we will begin RAP - Rocket Advisory Program. This will be a 30 minute block of time for students to meet with their individual advisors. Each advisor will have approximately 14 students and will discuss issues such as decision-making, self-esteem, conflict resolution, and team building. RAP will consist of 18 meetings throughout the school year. We appreciate Linda Stone, our new GEAR-UP coordinator, and Jenny Eager, with Forward in the Fifth, for assisting our Advisory Council in getting the program underway.

This Friday there will be an after-school party from 3-5:00. Remember that students must have written permission from parents and permission from the team of teachers. Students must be picked up by 5:15.

The football team will begin play this Saturday at Clark County. We wish the best to Mr. Parkey, the team, and the rest of the staff. The 8th grade girls basketball team will begin play Monday evening at Madison Central. Mr. Owens and the team have been working hard this summer and look forward to a great season.

The yearbook staff would like to thank those businesses who have purchased an advertisement in support of our yearbook. The group went out on Tuesday to collect ads. Any businesses that have not purchased an ad and would like to, need to call Ms. Cromer at 256-5118. Yearbook staff members for this year are: Lindsey Bassett, Drew Davidson, Justin Lear, Jessica Cummings, Josh

Blair, Jordan Cash, Brian Mize, Emily Mink, Rachel Wright, and Nakeshia Baldwin.

YSC Update

We would like to welcome new and returning staff members to RCMS. New staff members include: Mary Bowen (Adventures, math); Greichen Roland (Voyagers, Language Arts); Betty Gise (music); Bonnie Stewart (Voyagers, science); and Geri Gaudet (Shooting Stars, Language Arts). Steve Bullock has rejoined our staff as math teacher for the Comets. We also welcome new instructional assistants: Lois Lawrence and Rebecca Anglin and Mrs. Tammy Miller as our new assistant principal.

All FRYSC advisory councils are comprised of parents, school, and community representatives, as well as student representatives. The RCMS YSC council is made up of five parents, two community members, three school staff, and three students (one per grade level). The advisory council signifies the collaboration and linkage between school, home, and community. Center staff members are present at meetings, but are non-voting members. One important duty of the council is to approve purchases over \$500.00. The Advisory Council chairperson plays a critical role in the effectiveness of the council. Leshia Cromer, counselor at RCMS, is the chairperson of the RCMS YSC advisory council. Her duties include conducting the meetings, reviewing work plans, approving forms and necessary documentation. The next scheduled meeting is on Friday, August 30th, at Kastle Inn Restaurant in Mt. Vernon. The public is welcome to attend, please RSVP at 256-5484.

Guilfoil participates in KASEP

Gabe Guilfoil, son of John and Joanne Guilfoil, of Mt. Vernon, is participating in the Kentucky Appalachian Science Enrichment Program (KASEP) on the University of Kentucky campus.

KASEP is a five-week summer experience for students who represent underserved minority groups in health care professions from the Eastern or Central part of the United States. The program is structured to enhance each participant's scientific problem-solving and critical-thinking skills, said Pamela Shaw, DMD, director of KASEP.

Students are rising high school sophomores. Those eligible include African American, Native American and Appalachian students who have demonstrated an interest in pursuing a science or mathematics-related career and have a record of academic achievement.

Activities include a group study of case histories of selected health-related issues; academic experiences in science and mathematics; learning

skills instruction; career exploration in science, mathematics, engineering, science research and health careers and scientific site visits and field experiences, including trips to the Louisville Science Center, the Cincinnati Zoo and the Hummel Planetarium in Richmond.

KASEP is funded through a grant from the National Cancer Institute.



Gabe Guilfoil

Lunch

Monday: Hamburger on bun, lettuce/pickles, french fries, cole slaw, mixed fruit and milk.

Tuesday: Ham, mashed potatoes, green beans, roll, dessert and milk.

Wednesday: Chicken patty on bun, potato wedges, veggies and dip, fruit dessert and milk.

Thursday: Taco salad or sandwich, lettuce/tomato, hash brown, banana pudding and milk.

Friday: Manager's Choice.

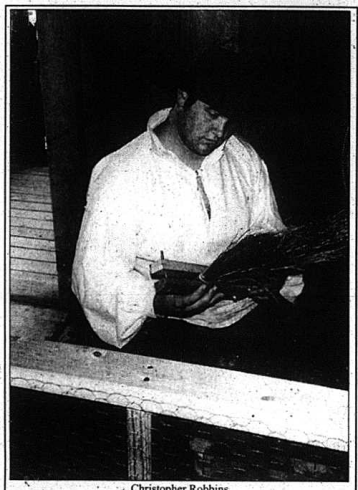
Local youth makes it in Craft Marketing Program

Christopher Robbins, a senior at Rockcastle County High School, has expanded his broom business, Brooms By Chris, to a new level. He was one of 60 new craftspeople accepted for participation in the Kentucky Craft Marketing Program at its annual June jury session. The 2002 jury session was conducted by a panel of in-state and out-of-state craft professionals.

Crafts in Kentucky continue to be a serious business and contribute an economic impact to the state of nearly \$3 million in sales each year. Juried members such as Christopher will have an opportunity to participate in several wholesale and retail venues. Members may also use the "Kentucky Crafted" logo and receive a technical assistance for their business and craft. He is presently working to attend the "2003 Kentucky Crafted: The Market" show held at the Kentucky State Fairgrounds in Louisville from February 27-March 2. Being only 17, Christopher will be one of the youngest of the 300 craft

participants at this show. To become a juried member on the first try, at such a young age, is a great accomplishment.

Christopher, son of Michael and Peggy Robbins of Brodhead, began his broom experience at the age of 14 by experimenting with broomcorn in the broom shop at the Bittersweet Cabin Museum in Renfro Valley. He then had the good fortune of meeting Mr. Jim Harmon, a master broom craftsman from Springfield. Mr. Harmon has been very supportive and instrumental in helping Christopher acquire the necessary broom equipment needed to produce brooms. Christopher contributes his broom business success to hard work, school and 4-H experiences, and lots of support from family, friends and other craft professionals. His broom products can be purchased local at the craft shop of the Bittersweet Cabin Museum in Renfro Valley or at his broom shop located at 4300 Dughill Road, near Brodhead. He can be reached at (606)758-9229 or visit his website at broomsbychris.com.



Christopher Robbins

Bray attends STI

Jackson Bray, a student at RCHS was chosen as one of 17 students statewide to attend the Kentucky State University Summer Transportation Institute.

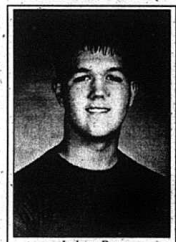
This program is designed to help guide students toward selecting an Engineering Major. Bray lived on the KSU campus for a month, attended classes there and participated in numerous exciting and challenging activities.

Bray had the honor of meeting an Original Tuskegee Airman from World War II. He was also a co-pilot in a World War II replica fighter plane at Chicago Airport.

Two awards were presented to Jackson while attending STI, the Senior Counselor's Award of Excellence and also First Place Award for A-Train Course (for planning the most efficient city and transportation systems).

Jackson is the son of Dennis and

Rhonda Bray of Brodhead. If you would like an application for your student to apply for STI, you may contact KSU office for Educational Outreach at (502)597-6587.



Jackson Bray

Best attends UK Health Career Program

Holi Best, of Mt. Vernon, daughter of Cheryl Hickey, is attending a highly selective five and a half week residential program at the University of Kentucky Chandler Medical Center.

Best is among 44 entering college students attending the Professional Education Preparation Program (PEPP). This program helps prepare students for the admissions process for medical or dental school, as well as a successful career in medicine or dentistry. Students are selected based on a record of academic excellence, outstanding standardized test scores, extracurricular activities and a written essay. The majority of students chosen to participate in PEPP are from areas of Kentucky with health professional shortages.

PEPP hopes to address the needs of rural areas by preparing students from underserved communities for the demands of the highly competitive health professions admissions exams, as well as the challenges of a rigorous medical or dental school

curriculum. Students attend seminars and courses designed to provide them with a foundation in the sciences and an understanding of the many critical issues in the health care field. They also learn about many areas of health care with rotations at hospitals throughout Lexington.



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