

Coca-Cola recognizes RCHS seniors

Coca-Cola has a long tradition of supporting student achievement. In cooperation with the Corporation for National and Community Service and the President's Student Award Program, Coca-Cola has selected 3 Rockcastle County High School former students as nominees for the President's Student Service Award. Each of these students was a semifinalist in the 2001-2002 Coca-Cola Scholars Program.

Courtney Alexander, Melinda Coffey, and Amber Thacker will each receive a certificate signed by President George W. Bush and a commemorative pin in recognition of their ongoing commitment to community service.



Melinda Coffey



Amber Thacker



Courtney Alexander

Automotive program receives Certification

Donna Hopkins, principal at KY Tech-Rockcastle County Area Technology Center is pleased to announce that the automotive training program recently received certification by the National Automotive Technicians Education Foundation (NATEF) and the National Institute for Automotive Service Excellence (ASE).

"During the past several months we have worked closely with NATEF to make certain that our program would meet strict industry standards and be certified in all eight areas," said Ken Fannin, Automotive Technology teacher at Rockcastle County Technology Center and also a Master ASE Certified Instructor in all eight areas. "Now we are delighted to join the ranks of ASE certified

technician training programs. Students will be assured of a quality education and shop owners, and dealerships will be assured of getting quality job applicants."

In order to achieve this coveted recognition, the training program underwent rigorous evaluation by NATEF. Nationally accepted standards of excellence in areas such as instruction, facilities and equipment were used. Upon completion of the evaluation, NATEF recommended that Rockcastle County Technology Center be certified by ASE, a national non-profit organization which tests and certifies repair technicians in addition to certifying technician training programs.

Certification has been awarded to

Rockcastle County ATC automotive program in the following eight program areas: suspension and steering, brakes, automatic transmission/transaxle, manual transmission/franxle, heating and air conditioning electrical repair/engine repair and engine performance.

NAFET Board of Trustees Chair Al Duebber states, "This is great news for automotive-minded young people and their parents in Rockcastle County. Certification of automotive training programs increases cooperation between local

education and industry leaders. It also gives added assurance that Rockcastle County ATC graduates will be employable entry-level technicians. As a result, the motoring public will benefit since more qualified repair technicians will join the work force."

The program is now certified for a period of five years, after which it will be reviewed to ensure that it continues to meet industry standards and to adjust to the latest technological advances in the rapidly changing automotive world.

RCHS and DAR honor Constitution Week

Rockcastle County High School students, in conjunction with the Rockcastle County chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution, participated in a variety of activities in observance of Constitution Week, September 16-20.

According to Mrs. Debbie Coleman, chair of the social studies department at RCHS, students in the US History and AP US History courses studied the creation and provisions of the US Constitution. Students also worked with situations when the government must balance the rights of citizens against the need to protect the common good of society. Mrs. Coleman noted that "students were very interested in discussions concerning civil liberties and their Constitutional rights, especially at the junior and senior levels." Students also were given a "Constitutional Thought of the Day" during morning announcements.

Mr. John Hale, principal at RCHS.

All lessons and activities for the week were planned in partnership with Mrs. Laura Durham, chair of the Constitution Week Committee of the DAR. Coleman credits Mrs. Durham and the DAR for working closely with the high school to promote civics and American pride.

Students receive Bert T. Combs Scholarship

Four local students recently received the Bert T. Combs Leadership Grant from Cumberland College in Williamsburg. Recipients of this honor include: Chris Brown, son of Shyla and Dennis Brown; Charissa Hubbard, daughter of Larry Hubbard and Catherine Hubbard; Kimberly Mullins, daughter of Marty and Elaine Mullins and Adrienne White, daughter of Marty and Dana White.

School Menu

September 30-October 4, 2002

Breakfast

Monday: Cereal, toast/jelly, juice and milk

Tuesday: French toast sticks with syrup or cereal, toast/jelly, juice and milk

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

Thursday: NO SCHOOL

Friday: NO SCHOOL

Lunch

Monday: Chili dog, french fries, fruit, dessert and milk

Tuesday: Pizza or sandwich, corn, garden salad, cake and milk

Wednesday: Turkey and cheese, bun, lettuce/tomato, pickles, potato wedges, dessert and milk

Thursday: NO SCHOOL

Friday: NO SCHOOL

Minds in the Middle

Robinson Scholar Program applications are available in Ms. Cromer's office. The program selects one eighth grade student to receive a full scholarship to the University of Kentucky or one of its community colleges. Students who have a parent with a four-year college degree are not eligible. Interested students should pick up an application as soon as possible.

Plafis are being made for the GEAR-UP overnight trip to Asheville, North Carolina. GEAR-UP received many applications and are only going to be able to take the first 50 students who signed up. The names of those students are posted on the bulletin board outside the main office. Students who are going must attend a pre-trip meeting after school on September 30. GEAR-UP will be taking 8th graders to EKU this Saturday for a campus tour and the EKU football game. Students should listen to daily announcements and check their newsletters for information about the exciting trip opportunities that GEAR-UP offers.

The FCA would like to thank Bro. Eddie Nation for presenting their devotional this week. All students are encouraged to attend these Tuesday morning meetings.

Students who are interested in entering the 4-H poster contest need to turn their poster in at the Youth Services office by October 18. Contest rules are posted on the bulletin board.

This Thursday, the 7th and 8th grade girls basketball teams will play at Garrard County. The 6th grade

team will play at Lexington Christian on Friday and Saturday. The football team will play Saturday in the Rock Hard Bowl at home beginning at 1:00 a.m.

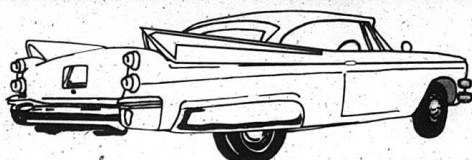
Remember that our building is open to mall hall walkers Monday through Thursday as part of our 21st Century Community Learning Center. For more information about this and other 21st CCLC activities, contact Jason Cronin at 256-5118.

YSC Update

This week's topic will include websites for school success as well as hotline numbers. There are several websites regarding homework. Big Chalk has more than 120,000 links in 10,000+ school subjects for students of all ages. There is a section for parent offers, articles on schools, supporting children's learning, and learning disabilities. www.bigchalk.com Discovery School offers study tools, succeeding in school, and how to help your child. <http://school.discovery.com/parents> National parent information network

is a parent site with information about education, a question-answering service, and an A to Z list of education sites. www.npsn.org Some hotline help numbers are Food and Drug Administration (888) 463-6332; National Clearinghouse for Alcohol and Drug Information (800) 729-6686; National Health Information Center (800) 336-4797; National Mental Health Association Resource Center (800) 969-6642. Please call the office for additional information about these numbers or other resources at 256-5484.

Cruise-In at Wendy's



September 28th • Starting at 6 p.m.

Danny Settles invites all of you to come out to Wendy's and Kentucky Fried Chicken for a Cruise into the past with some of the finest antique, street rods, low riders, original cars and trucks in the area.



Enjoy the finest tunes from the past with local DJ Charlie and Carolyn Napier

Come eat, bring a lawn chair, and just enjoy the company of many car buffs from local and surrounding areas.

Cooling Down August with a Cruise-In at Wendy's

Check for details and pictures at www.kentuckycarshows.com after the cruise



The RCHS Yearbook Staff has already begun working on the 2002-2003 yearbook. Yearbook sales will begin on October 8th and will continue through October 25th. Order forms will be sent home with student report cards. Members of the yearbook staff are, front row from left: Brian Mize, Justin Lear and Jordan Cash. Middle row from left: Nakeshia Baldwin, Jamie Edwards and Josh Blair. Back row from left: Jessica Cummins, Drew Davidson, Ainsley Russell, Emily Wright and Emily Mink.

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