

Despite struggles, dance team maintains positive outlook

BY BRITTANY CROMER

At football games, basketball games, pep rallies, they're everywhere! They are the RCHS Dance team, and this year there are problems behind the scene. They lost half of their members since May.

Ms. Dawn Stallsworth, who took over the dance team this year, is dealing with the team's struggles very strongly.

"We want to build the dance team up for upcoming years," said Stallsworth.

She hopes that the team, mostly underclassmen, will stay together until their senior year and will improve by working as a team, but she is not worried. She is being optimistic about the situation, and is pushing the girls to do their best.

One way she has tried to strengthen the team is by holding dance clinics to replace members

who quit. During this time a couple of males have attended.

Janelle Jones, a senior and former dance team captain, has performed on the Rockcastle dance teams (both middle and high school) for 6 years and is now with the Somerset All-Stars.

"It just wasn't hard enough," said Jones. In recent years, Jones said that their dances were interesting, fun to watch, and perform. However, this year the dances weren't challenging enough.

"I just don't want to waste my senior year on that,"

On the other hand, senior Michelle Rowe, current captain, has a completely different opinion. Rowe wishes that the other members hadn't quit, but is very understanding as to why the girls would have quit. She believes that they

just weren't "satisfied" about the progress of the team, or maybe the coach.

"Ms. Stallsworth makes us work hard. She wants what's best for us, and she really encourages us," said Rowe. She added that she really enjoys having Stallsworth as a coach.

"It's my last year, and I thought I'd stick with it, and see how things turned out," said Rowe. Because she is a senior, the dance team is really important to her, and she is determined to stick with it.

"I hope that we continue to grow as a team," says Rowe. As a whole, she thinks that everything is coming along really well. "I think that the dance team has a real future ahead of them, and I really enjoy it."

RCHS offers new clubs

BY CHRISTINA AMYX
"VOTE DANNY FORD!"

"GO REPUBLICANS!"

These are common sounds people have been hearing from Rockcastle's new club, Young Republicans.

Many candidates, such as Rep. Danny Ford and County Attorney Jeff Burdette, visited the Young Republicans on club day, September 12.

"This club is for young Republicans that are interested in taking on an active role in their county, state, and national government," said senior Travis Burton, who organized the club.

The Young Republicans have already been active in the community long before the first club day.

"We helped at the Brodhead Fair at the Republican's Booth, painted faces at Danny Ford's Ice Cream Social, and we have been attending Republican business meetings," said Burton.

In the future, they plan to have exciting meetings with guest speakers and participate in community events supporting Republican candidates.

The club is still open for new members. Students under 18 must pay \$5, and students 18 or older must pay \$10, if you would like to join see Travis Burton.

Students also maybe hearing the snip, snip of busy scissors coming from Ms. Wanda Burdine's classroom. She's sponsoring the



Christina Amyx
State Representative Danny Ford spoke last month at the first meeting of the Young Republicans.

new organization, Memory Makers.

"Students will make a scrap book, and make keepsake boxes of anything they want to do it on," she said.

However, not only will students be making scrapbooks and keepsake boxes; students will be also doing community service at the Brodhead Nursing Home.

To join M&M students had to complete an application, which was "for me to see if the students are really interested in being in this club," said Burdine.

The deadline for submitting the application was September 10, but students will be able to join next semester.



Provided by Dawn Stallsworth
The RCHS Dance Team competed at the Kentucky State Fair Aug. 23.

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