

Y-Club members receive recognition at KYA

Several members of the RCMS Student YMCA attended the Kentucky Youth Assembly Dec. 6-8. The group brought home the top honor after winning the award for Outstanding Delegation at the conference. This honor recognized the group's overall quality and quantity of participation as well as their consideration for fellow delegations and YMCA staff.

Tiffany Fain was recognized by receiving an award as an outstanding delegate and Cole Ballinger was awarded as an outstanding speaker at KYA.

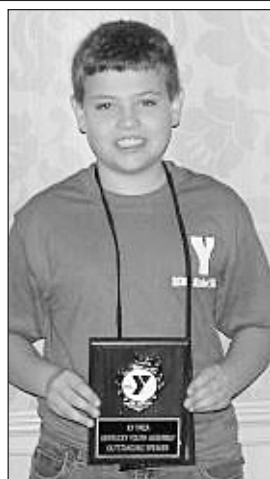
Thomas Burdette served on the leadership team where he excelled and was selected to serve at the Capitol in Frankfort. Thomas led in both the Legislative House and the Senate.

Caleb Ballinger was a candidate in the heated battle for Governor. Caleb did a great job and as an honor for coming in second will serve as Speaker of the Senate for next year.

RCMS presented five

bills at KYA. Two bills were recognized at the awards ceremony as outstanding bills. The bill presented by Tiffany Fain, Mikaela Sadler, Lucas Jones, and Abby Bray, which required voters to show an I.D. before casting their ballots, and the bill presented by Jackson Cromer, Grant Isaacs, and Joseph Cowan restricting restaurants from seating minors near the bar area both received outstanding bill honors.

Caroline Coguer was a standout with her position serving on the Media Corp. Morgan Didelot and Ryan Martin did a great job presenting their bill to prohibit the unnecessary search of cell phones by police. Premiere bill authors Evan Hendrickson, Cole Ballinger, Bailey Taylor, Zoe Burdette, Caroline White and Emma Bullens did well also with their first time presenting bills and did CarleeCash serving as a clerk during committees. All contributed to the overall honor as top delegation.



Outstanding Speaker Cole Ballinger.



Thomas Burdette who was selected to preside over the Legislative House and the Senate.



Outstanding Bill Authors Abby Bray, Mikaela Sadler, Tiffany Fain and Lucas Jones.



RCMS Y-Club members after winning the award as Outstanding Delegation.

Three graduate from Cumberlands

Three local students graduated Thursday, December 20, 2012 from the University of the Cumberlands (UC).

Marisa Albright (Crab Orchard) graduated with a MAE degree in Read Write Specialist P to 12.

Kelly Hughes (Mount

Vernon) graduated with a MAT degree in Special Education LBD P to 12.

Heather Shepherd (Mount Vernon) graduated with a MAE degree in Read Write Specialist P to 12.

In all 312 students received their degree. Of these, 52 bachelor degrees,

253 master degrees, and 7 doctorate degrees were presented. Overall, 982 students received their degree in 2012 from UC making it the largest number of students to graduate from Cumberlands in a one year span. In 2012 from UC making it the largest number of students to graduate from Cumberlands in a one year span.

Dean's List

Leigha Marie Nicole McFerron, of Mt. Vernon, a student at Union College, was recently named to the school's fall 2012 dean's list.

The dean's list at Union is comprised of undergraduates who have completed at least 15 hours of graded work with a 3.33 grade point average, no grades of incomplete for the semester and no grades of C or below for the semester.

McFerron was one of 97 students who made the dean's list at Union for the fall 2012 semester.

Union College is a four-year liberal arts college related to the United Methodist Church.

On the web: <http://readabout.me/achievements/Leigha-McFerron-Named-to-Deans-List-at-Union-College/5201314>.



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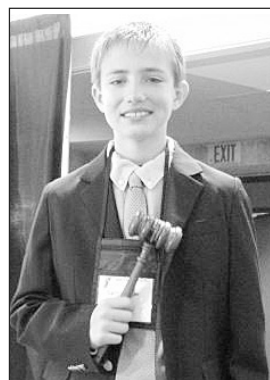
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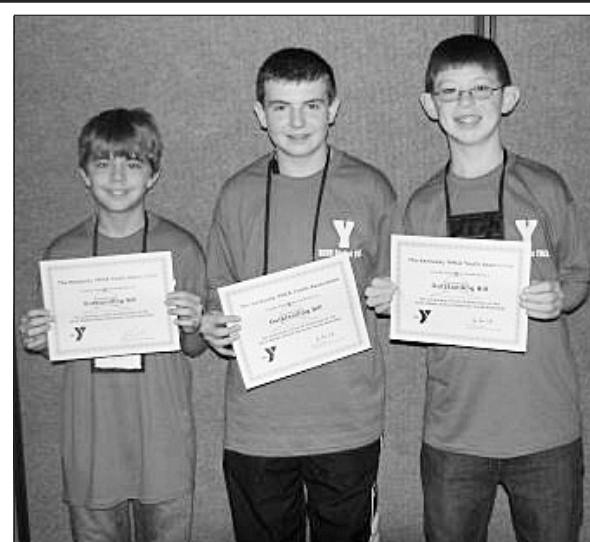
The Rockcastle Chapter of KSDAR held their December meeting at the John Lair House in Renfro Valley. Alexis Young, Heather Clontz, and Bethany Clontz presented a special program of Christmas music and history.



Outstanding Delegate Tiffany Fain.



Caleb Ballinger elected as Speaker of the Senate for next year.



Outstanding Bill Authors Jackson Cromer, Grant Isaacs, and Joseph Cowan.

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Notice of Vacant Rockcastle County Board of Education Seat

The Kentucky Commissioner of Education is seeking applications to be considered for appointment to the Rockcastle County Schools Board of Education. You are invited to nominate yourself or someone you know who is qualified to serve on the Board of Education representing Educational Division 4 of Rockcastle County Schools. The vacancy was created by resignation of the prior member.

Under the provisions of KRS 160.190(2) this appointment is effective until the November 2014 regular election.

This is a public service position and the person appointed will not be employed by the Rockcastle County Public Schools.

REQUIREMENTS

Board members must be:

- At least 24 years old.
- A Kentucky citizen for the last three years.
- A registered voter in Rockcastle County and in the Climax/Orlando voter precincts.
- Have a high school diploma or GED certificate.
- Must be in compliance with anti-nepotism state laws.
- Cannot provide contract services for the school district.

RESPONSIBILITIES

School board members are involved primarily in the following areas:

- Developing policy that governs the operation of schools.
- Providing visionary leadership that establishes long-range plans and programs for the district.
- Hiring the district superintendent and issuing annual evaluation reports.
- Setting local tax rates and practicing vigorous stewardship to ensure that all school district funds are spent wisely.

Applications must be postmarked by January 14, 2013.

Applications for this position are available from:

- Rockcastle County Board of Education – 245 Richmond Street, Mt. Vernon, KY 40456
- The Kentucky Department of Education, address below.

All applications must be mailed directly to: Commissioner of Education
1st Floor, Capital Plaza Tower
500 Mero Street
Frankfort, KY 40601

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