

FFA hosts annual Chapter Banquet

Submitted by Tiffany Bowman

On April 25th the FFA hosted their annual FFA Chapter Banquet. Every year, the FFA celebrates the previous year, and prepares for the next in a banquet at the end of the school year.

Along with that, awards are given out to outstanding members for their hard work in various areas. Last year, the chapter had a total of 24 first place winners, 12 second place, 2 third place, 39 superior ratings, 2 excellent ratings, and 1 good rating.

Certain hard working members were given special awards. These members were; Star Greenhand- James Clay Ballinger, Star in Ag. Placement- Kyle Peacock, Star in Agribusiness Larkan Prewitt, Star in Ag. Production- Charity Adams, Dekalb- Charity Adams, Outstanding Leader- Sarah Pigg, 110% award- Larkan Prewitt, Outstanding Committee Chair- Amie Hale, Outstanding Asst. Officer- Chris Sowder, Outstanding Service- Bethany McKinney, Outstanding Officer- Elizabeth Lawrence.

Then, lastly, all senior officers and members are saluted a goodbye, and the new officers take their place. Overall, chapter banquet this year was a success.

Congratulations to all members who received awards, and good luck in life to all of the seniors.



Senior FFA members.

Enterprisers - Michael Allen, Zach Baker, Cole Ballinger, Jeremiah Blevins, Clifton Boone, Peyton Bowman, Hannah Bryant, Emma Bullens, Zoe Burdette, Makayla Burns, Kenneth Cain, Dalton Childress, Sa-

RCMS Honor Roll

rah Cornelius, Sheradyn Cox, John Cromer, Megan Eversole, Gabriel Greenwell, Matthew Gustin, Emily Hall, Jacob Hansel, Shelby Hicks, Hallie Hines, Hope Holbrook, Shaylin Howerton, Annie Johnson, Bailey Johnson, Lauren King, Benton Kuntz, Kassie Lay, Daya McGuire, Tiffany McGuire, Melonie Mink, Trevor Moberly, Tracy Moore, Hannah Mullins, Savannah Neeley, Samantha Newcomb, Jordan Nicely, Aleya Powell, Keaton Renfro, Chase Roberts, Jamison Roberts, Jimmy Sharp, Chloe Shaver, Taylor Smith, Brooklyn Smithern, Carolyn White, Courtney Wren

Voyagers - Seth Barrett, Jasmine Barron, Elisha Blanton, Bobby Bowman,

Austin Brown, Janelle Brown, Samantha Bullock, Savannah Bullock, Cade Burdette, Ashely Butler, Jordan Casteel, Joseph Coffey, Katelynn Cook-Vance, Rachelle Doan, Alexis Dunaway, Dalton Durham, Zachary Feters, Paige Fowler, Shelby French, J.D. Hamilton, Sierra Hansel, Alexandria Hasty, Brianna Headrick, Evan Hendrickson, Sydney Hines, Timothy Holsing, Rebekah Kersey, Logan Kidwell, Brendan Kirby, Heather Miller, Kagan Miller, Lindsay Mink, Sydney Owens, Jaden Payne, Tessa Pickle, Nikki Renner, Eli Rose, Casey Rowland, Kristina Ruhe, Cheyenne Savage, Rant Saylor, Cayden Shaver, Kaitlyn Smith, Isaac Stratton, Bailey Taylor, Heather Thomas, Ben Tyler,

Angelina Weaver, Katlyn Williams, Billy Wynn

Adventurers - Megan Alexander, Isaiah Amyx, Nathaneal Barnett, Clare Beichler, Mckayla Blair, Katina Bond, Brandon Bullock, Marshall Cain, Drake Callahan, Elizabeth Cameron, Lauryn Carpenter, Carlee Cash, Kyle Cash, Bailey Chasteen, Cameron Cornelius, Joseph Cowan, Julie Cox, Jackson Cromer, Jesse Day, Emily Deubel, Kayla Doan, Joy Frith, Levi Gentry, Keashawna Ginter, Kristen Ginter, Savannah Goff, Allison Gray, Noah Gross, Angel Halcomb, Tyler Harris, Kristin Holcomb, Anthony Houk, James Houk, Grant Isaacs, Austin Kirby, Rebekah Lake, Peggy Lawson, John Lear, Brent

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The retiring FFA officers are: Bethany McKinney, Josh Bullock, Kyle Peacock, Allison Burdette, Kayla Reynolds, Sarah Pigg, Charity Adams, Elizabeth Lawrence, and Larkan Prewitt.

High School receives Global Education Award

Rockcastle County High School recently received national recognition for excellence in global education by EF Foundation for Foreign Study, the leader in high school exchange. Awarded annually, the EF Foundation Global Education Excellence Award is presented to high schools which demonstrate an extraordinary commitment to international exchange.

This year Rockcastle County High hosted six EF Foundation students. Not only were the students accepted into the school academic and extracurricular life, they were involved in the community at-large in their exchange experience. "The U.S.A. remains the top destination for international students wishing to study abroad. This not only enables Americans to share their culture and customs, but also learn about another for a true cultural exchange," stated EF Foundation President Dan Sodervall. "Rockcastle County High School displayed admirable dedication to promoting international understanding and global education throughout the school year. We proudly recognize Rockcastle County High School for their remarkable commitment to foreign exchange."

Jennifer Mattingly, principal, accepted the trophy and certificate of appreciation at Rockcastle County High School from local exchange coordinator Elizabeth Correll and current EF students Elaine Chang (Taiwan), Ploy Khamkaenkun (Thailand), Pilar Martinez

(Spain), Barbora Nemcova (Slovakia), Lisa Scheck (Germany), and Jana Lethert (Germany).

Elizabeth Correll sincerely wishes to express appreciation to the school, principal, guidance office, teachers, and students for giving these students such a positive and memorable experience. All of her EF students expressed deep appreciation for their time in Mount Vernon, but she would like to share the words of a student who sent her this message: "When I try to think about the best moment of my exchange year I can't think about one specific moment. All the little moments I had in school with my teachers and classmates and especially at all the sports events I was cheering for our rockets made my year incredible and I'm truly so lucky I got to spend it here at Rockcastle county high school! I'm so glad and proud I became a part of the rockets! Thank you so much for giving me the opportunity to spend my year at your school! It was an amazing experience and definitely an unforgettable year! Rockcastle county will always be my second home!" - Lisa Scheck

Correll would also like to thank all the wonderful host families! (Ralph and Judy Niceley, Terina Roberts, Roger and Silvia Coldiron, Luther and Nancy Isaacs, David and Kimberly Sargent) Without their support this year would not have been possible. She also wants to congratulate them for receiving the

President's Volunteer Service Award, issued on behalf of Barack Obama, for volunteering their time toward a cause bigger than themselves.

To learn more about getting involved with exchange as a host family, contact Correll at lizmailme@gmail.com or call 606-687-1532.

Headquartered in Cambridge, Mass., EF Foundation for Foreign Study has been committed to promoting international understanding and global awareness for over 30 years. EF Foundation brings more students to the United States each year than any other high school exchange program. Since 1979, the organization has matched over 100,000 talented, enthusiastic students from around the world with caring host families across the United States. EF Foundation is designated by the United States Department of State as an Exchange Program Sponsor. To find out more about EF Foundation visit www.fffoundation.org

Woodall graduates

Rachel Beth Woodall of Brodhead, graduated from Georgetown College during the Commencement Ceremony held on the lawn of Giddings Hall on Saturday, May 11, 2013. Rachel graduated Magna Cum Laude with a Bachelor of Science degree.



RCHS principal Jennifer Mattingly, with local exchange coordinator Elizabeth Correll and current EF students Elaine Chang (Taiwan), Ploy Khamkaenkun (Thailand), Pilar Martinez (Spain), Barbora Nemcova (Slovakia), Lisa Scheck (Germany), and Jana Lethert (Germany).

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Topic: Wellness for All Ages

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Thursday, August 29 • 12 noon

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Guest Speaker: Brittany Perkins-Saylor, MPAS, PA-C

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