



The Rockcastle County Public Library had a special visitor this past week. Ronald McDonald was there Thursday, July 25 for the Summer Reading Finale. Thanks to all who participated.



Summer Reading 2013 winner's at the Rockcastle County Library were, front from left: William Miller, A.J Martin, Khloe Bussell, Jamie Gray, Maliyah Swinney, Landon Gray, Kiki Cope, Dorothy Jean Higgins and Kaylee King. Back row from left: Mrs. Amanda Bradley, Leah Hughes, Laura Hughes, Rebekah Hurley, John David Hurley and Ronald McDonald.

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Kentucky high school students and 2013 graduates should check their Kentucky Educational Excellence Scholarship (KEES) accounts for accuracy.

KEES allows students to earn money for college by getting good grades in high school and for qualifying scores on the ACT or SAT. Students eligible for free or reduced lunches may also earn awards for good scores on Advanced Placement and International Baccalaureate exams. KEES is administered by the Kentucky Higher Education Assis-

tance Authority (KHEAA).

To check awards and personal information, students need to use the MyKHEAA function on www.kheaa.com. If they do not already have a MyKHEAA account, they can easily set one up from the KHEAA home page.

Students may verify their KEES GPA is correct by taking the letter grade for each course taken during the year and converting it to a 4.0 scale on which an A = 4.0, B = 3.0, C = 2.0, D = 1.0, and F = 0. AP and IB course grades receive one

extra point of weight in the calculation, making an A = 5.0, B = 4.0, etc. The GPA is calculated by adding all the points together and dividing the total by the number of credits earned during the year.

Students who need to have GPAs or other information corrected should contact their high school's counselor.

If students experience problems with their MyKHEAA account or cannot see their KEES information, they should call the KHEAA College Access Team at 800-928-8926.

Students do not have to apply to receive their KEES awards. If they attend an eligible college or university, KHEAA will send their award to their college once the college verifies enrollment.

To learn how to plan and prepare for higher education, go to www.gotocollege.ky.gov. For more information about Kentucky scholarships and grants, visit www.kheaa.com; write KHEAA, P.O. Box 798, Frankfort, KY 40602; or call 800-928-8926, ext. 6-7372.

Strange... But True?

by: Tonya J. Cook



*The Flying Dutchman:
The Phantom Ship
Part I*

I love the ocean. The peacefulness of it can convey a sense of calm to the depths of the soul, or its raging power can stir and move the soul to the peak of frenzy. Thankfully, the few times I've sailed upon its waters I've never encountered the noted Flying Dutchman, the phantom ship.

The Flying Dutchman is a ghost of ship of legend that is doomed to sail the ocean for eternity. The known origin goes back to the 17th century and has appeared to sea-going folk to the present.

The ship is said to glow with an eerie ghostly light. The crew of the Dutchman, now long dead, will try to send messages back to land by way of other ship's crews to people who also are long-since dead. However, to see the ghost-ship is supposedly a certain omen of doom.

The origins of the ship's fate is uncertain. It is said the crew was guilty of a ghastly crime and have been sentenced to sail the world's oceans until they are pardoned.

Sir Walter Scott (1771-1832) was the first to refer to the ship as a pirate ship. The Dutchman was said to have committed acts of piracy and murder. Thomas Moore (1779-1852)

penned in a poem: "Fast gliding along, a gloomy bark. Her sails are full, though the wind is still, And there blows not a breath her sails to fill".

The captain of the fabled ship is Bernard Fokke, according to some sources. He was known for the speed of his ships. It was also said that he was reported to be in league with the devil.

In 1880, King George V of Wales and his brother, Prince Albert Victor saw the ghost-ship and eleven others aboard the king's ship. The night was clear and the sea calm just off the coast of Australia. It was at 4 AM when the king's ship's records indicated that the red glowing light of a phantom ship came into sight on the ship's port bow. The seaman who reported seeing the Flying Dutchman fell to his death later that morning at 10:45.

The reasoning behind the sightings could be sea mirages. This occurs when rays of light are bent to show an object floating above the water, perhaps a reflection from beyond the horizon. This is good reasoning for seeing the Dutchman during the day, but an explanation hasn't been given for nighttime sightings.

We will cover more concerning the famous Flying Dutchman in next week's column.

**Brodhead Bengals
Cheerleading sign-ups
will be**

**Thursday, August 1st
at 6:30 p.m. at the new
Brodhead Park.**

Cheerleaders must be in
2nd - 5th grade.

If you have any questions,
please contact
Amanda Bradley at
(606) 670-1471.



Kyle Coffey competed in The Lexington Bluegrass Lions Club Poultry Show this past week. He competed with several different varieties of birds including ducks, turkeys, standards and bantams. Kyle received a Grand Champion ribbon for his Old English Bantam Quail Hen, as well as Champion in the costume class with the Old English Bantam male. His Bourbon Red turkey, Standard Buff Orpington and Bantam Mallard all received 1st place blue ribbons in their class. His Blue Red male and the Cuckoo pair also received 1st place ribbons. The Blue Red hen and a Bantam Mallard Drake received 2nd place red ribbons. Kyle will now compete in the Madison County Poultry Pals Show.

Rockcastle County High School

FRESHMAN CAMP

August 2, 2013

8 AM - 2 PM

RCHS Auditorium

- Get schedules
- Purchase lockers (\$10)
- Tour the building
- Win great prizes (must attend all day)
- Meet teachers

FREE LUNCH

TRANSPORTATION IS FREE!

**Bus transportation available. If you need a ride, please call
256-4816 no later than July 24th.**