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Rockcastle County High School

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## School receives \$1 million grant

BY CARISSA SETTLES

Rockcastle County High School has received \$340,000 each year for three years to kick off the 21st Century Learning Center Program.

According to Instructional Supervisor, Shelby Reynolds, the program money will be used to provide the community with a variety of programs.

Some of the programs that will be offered to the community, as well as RCHS students, are pottery, after school tutoring, ACT preparation, foreign language and driver's education courses; Childcare is also provided for participants. All of the classes are free.

Gymnastics and karate classes may also be offered in the future, according to Academic Specialist Trina Bustle.

"Getting the program started has made a great contribution to the community. The 21st Century Program provides opportunities for Rockcastle students, and it also improves parent involvement," said RCHS Principal Ruth Allen.

With a huge demand for volunteers there are plenty of opportunities. Incentives will be offered to those who want to chip in.

According to Mrs. Bustle, students may earn community service hours by volunteering their time by tutoring after school and helping with childcare.

"The program is new, exciting, and it will provide everyone with plenty of opportunities to give something back to the community," said Mrs. Jenny Sweet, RCHS Program Coordinator.

According to the program grant application, the 21st Century Learning Center Program was developed by Congress to enable urban and rural schools to implement projects "that benefit the educational, health, social services, cultural and recreational needs of the community."

Only 26 programs currently exist in Kentucky, and 4000 programs nationwide.

For more information about the 21st Century Learning Center call the Rockcastle County Board of Education office at 256-2125. You may also contact Mrs. Bustle at the high school, or Mr. Anthony Coffey, the director of the middle school program.



photo by Susan Norton  
Mrs. Nancy Mullins gives the potter's wheel a whirl on the first day of classes at the new community learning center.

## Homecoming King could be in school's future

BY CARISSA SETTLES

RCHS could have a Homecoming King in its future. The idea was one of many items discussed at September's SBDM session.

"Many students have mentioned wanting to run for the king position," said SBDM council member and Homecoming Coordinator Dana Singleton.

The idea was considered by the SBDM, and the changes to the policy could possibly take place next year.

Rocket Club information, employment opportunities through the Teen Center, and the new look of the dance team were also some of the topics that were mentioned at the meeting.

Dance team coach, Christa Rose, was able to get an approval on purchasing new uniforms for future dancers.

"The dance team is currently fund-raising to purchase new uniforms. We are looking forward to

representing the school with a more up to date look which will enhance our image and performances," said Mrs. Rose.

Representative for the Teen Center, Daniel Moore, was also present at the meeting. He shared new ideas about career opportuni-

ties and a possible apprenticeship program that students can cooperate with. Academic Specialist, Ms. Trina Bustle also suggested the program could work with the 21st Century Program to get started.

The annual FCCLA trip was also discussed. This year's meeting will take place in Minneapolis, Minnesota. Officers will receive training in STAR events, Families First, Community Service Opportunities, Dynamic Leadership and Career Connections.

Information on the new Rocket Club was also provided. Sponsor Rhonda Rose told council members that the club will be filled with activities to keep the club up and running. The club meetings will be held during fourth block.

"Overall the meeting went well and I think that a lot was accomplished," said Assistant Principal and council secretary Betty Jo McKinney.



photo by Mindy Bullock  
One Homecoming Queen will be selected from twelve girls at tonight's game. Next year, students could have a Homecoming King, as well.

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Do you think of your blue book as a "beastly burden"? Check out page 3.

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