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Nicholas County Elementary has a big academic year

By Heather Mathes
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Nicholas County Elementary School has had a big year so far as academics is concerned.

Phyllis Guthrie, the retiring academic advisor, gave a report as to how this year's academic team has done in the recent tournament held at Maysville Community College.

"Limestone Academic League, comprised of nine middle schools, held a tournament.

"We placed second in it as well as second in the League.

"Mason County Middle School placed first in the league losing only one academic meet, which was to us," said Guthrie.

The Limestone Academic League held a reception at the Ramada Inn in Maysville where awards were given to individuals who had the highest scores in their areas.

Amberly Burke placed second in Humanities and third in the L.A.L. in the area of Science.

Brian Canupp placed third in humanities but held that coveted first-place spot in the league in Social Studies," Guthrie concluded.

But the year is not over for this prized team of Nicholas County Elementary.

Gerald Hammonds, principal of Nicholas County Elementary, said, "Channel 18, 'In The Know' program has chosen our academic team as one of the 32 teams ranging from here to Somerset and from Winchester to Versailles competing on the show.

"The taping will be on January 16, at 1:30 p.m. and will be aired at a later date."

Nicholas will be competing against Lexington Junior High on the program.

Those in the academic field will be preparing for even more events and situations to come.

"The Governors Cup Competition will be coming up in February and the team will be practicing through Christmas to prepare for that and the television program.

"We also have a new academic advisor that the kids need to get accustomed to as their coach.

"Sandra Sweeney has the time and dedication that it takes," Hammonds said.

"After all, being an academic coach is a whole lot like being an athletic coach, it takes work, time and dedication to be successful," said Hammonds.

"We have been competing for three years and have brought trophies home every year," he said.

"Last year we won the Bluegrass Conference and year before last we had 10 finalists in the Governors Cup Competition," said Hammonds.

The Student Council has had a busy year so far.

Members of the council are, from the sixth grade, Jennifer Tyner, Jennifer Willoughby, Kylie Walton, Alicia Estle; seventh grade, Johyna Griffith, Audra Sparks, Justin Jones, Shannon Melton, Sandy Sampler, Mary Ann Lawrence, Eric Hall, Nikki Smoot; eighth grade, Susanne Cox, Javelle Ribert, Tammy Watkins, Brian Canupp, Kristi Fryman, Shelley Fogleman, Pat Phillips, and Kristi Barton.

Officers are, President, Susanne Cox, Vice President, Johnya Griffith, and Secretary-Treasurer, Brian Canupp.

Basha Clay, advisor of student council, said, "Our money-making projects for this year have been a button selling and a bake sale held here in town.

"The projects we have completed are having Halloween treats for the lower floors, working on school spirit programs and school wide discipline with Mr. Hammonds and Mrs Williams.

"The kids are planning a breakfast for the teachers and sponsoring a needy child for Christmas," Hammonds said.

"We are also sponsoring a Christmas Dance December 11 and will crown a Snow Queen and King at the event."

Hammonds said, "So, as you see we have one of the busiest years ever. I think this speaks very highly of students and staff.

"Time has been spent planning and financing from the board right on down to teachers and that is what good education is all about," concluded Hammonds.

Snow Queen, Hope Coker and Snow King, Jamie George were crowned during a short break of the seventh and eighth grade "Snow" dance. The festivities were just one of the many events sponsored by the new student council under the direction of Basha Clay. - Heather Mathes Photo

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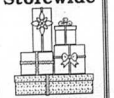

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Competition includes NCHS team members

By Heather Mathes
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Nicholas County High School has seen much success this year in academics.

Time-Century III Leaders Program is a competition which a group of seniors from Nicholas County High School participated.

"Students compete on a school level," said Kathy Green, academic team advisor.

"They take a written current events test and write a short essay about a modern social problem that might also be encountered in the third century.

"The student discusses the problem further as another phase of the competition," said Green.

Sonya Johnson was the first place winner.

Johnson said, "I discussed the problems of the elderly that included their care, and the role that they will play in the future.

"This is an important problem that may be compounded upon in the third century," she said.

Johnson will now compete on the state level.

"The winners of first place in the different school systems will compete on a state level that involves writing an extended essay.

"A few of the winners will receive scholarships to the colleges of their choice," said Johnson.

Johnson is planning on attending either Transylvania University or University of Kentucky and major in veterinarian medicine or other fields of science.

Second place winner in the program was Ronda Smart.

Smart's social problem to discuss was the illiteracy problem in Kentucky.

"I discussed the large percentage of illiterate groups and the age levels they involve," Smart said.

Eric Tedder was the third place winner in the program.

Tedder discussed the national deficit.

"I took the area of the solution to the problem and drew a conclusion," he said.

"I believe that the money that is confiscated in federal drug busts now sitting in evidence rooms could be doing some good for America by helping to pay off the national deficit instead of collecting dust," said Tedder.

Also in the academic area of excellence, academic team members placed in the Limestone Academic League Finals.

Total team members for the year are: Sarah Blount, Robyn Brookshire, Becky Dale, Mary Susan Dotson, Alana Estle, Mary-Alicha Farah, Cynthia Fryman, Deana Fryman, Joshua Guthrie, Andrea Hall, Heather Hall, Julie Hamilton, Jeremy Havens, Michelle Havens, Sonya Johnson, Craig Jones, Gretchen Judge, Anna Koury, Neal Metcalfe, Cyndi Miller, Amy Simons and Nita Villaflor.

In the competitions, the NCHS team won against St. Patrick Independent, Maysville Independent, Deming, Augusta and Tollesboro.

Losses for the NCHS team were: Bourbon County, Mason County, Fleming County, Lewis County, and Bracken County.

Sonya Johnson placed sixth in language arts and Josh Guthrie placed second in humanities and third in science at the annual banquet held at Ramada Inn in Maysville, November 30.

"Nicholas County placed out of 11 schools and around 300 other students," said Green.

Nicholas County teachers and administrators that officiated for the team were, Sharon Hatton, Rob Lane, Bill Guthrie, Catherine Canupp, Martha Taylor and Peter Chamness.

Winners in the Time-Century III Leaders Program were, Eric Tedder, third, Ronda Smart, second, and Sonya Johnson, first place winner. Johnson will now compete on a state level for scholarship money toward the college of her choice. - Heather Mathes Photo

Josh Guthrie with second place award in humanities and third place award in science and Sonya Johnson with sixth place award in language arts. The two members of the Nicholas County Academic Team, under the direction of Kathy Green, were given the awards at the Limestone Academic League's annual banquet held November at the Ramada Inn in Mayeville. - Heather Mathes Photo

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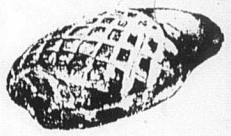

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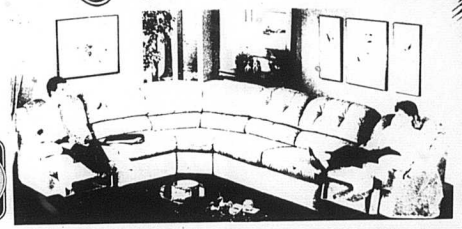

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