

Thirty graduate from Rogers Explorer program

Thirty students from Southern and Eastern Kentucky graduated from the third class of The Center for Rural Development's 2019 Rogers Explorers program held June 16-18 on the campus of Lindsey Wilson College.

Rogers Explorers is open to eighth-grade middle school students within The Center's 45-county primary service area who have a strong interest in developing their skills in leadership, team building, community service, and STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Math) fields of study.

"These past few days have been an unforgettable experience," said 2019 Rogers Explor-

ers graduate Emily Mills. "I've had my eyes opened in many different topics. I've started an interest in anything medical because of this program. Thank you Explorers for allowing me to meet new friends and have an insight on what my future could look like."

The Center selected a total of 211 students from throughout the region to attend this year's Rogers Explorers program. Participants spend three days and two nights on a leading Kentucky college campus where experts guide them through hands-on assignments to help build their leadership skills and explore different career pathways.

"For most of these students, this is the first time they will experience life on a college campus setting and to seriously begin thinking about different career choices before they enter their freshman year in high school," said Lonnie Lawson, President and CEO of The Center. "We want to give students the knowledge and tools they need to discover their career pathways and to plan for the future. Congratulations to all of our Rogers Explorers graduates."

The following students graduated from the Rogers Explorers program at Lindsey Wilson College: Bath County Middle School—Samuel Vin-

cent; Belfry Middle School—Natalie Fite; Casey County Middle School—Ein Rousey; Clinton County Middle School—Sadie Moons; Cumberland County Middle School—Matthew Spears; Estill County Middle School—Luke Williams; Garrard County Middle School—Mason Reynolds; Green County Middle School—Ella Cate Bishop; Harrington Homeschool—Micah Harrington; Herald Whitaker Middle School—Ashton Long; Jackson City School—Tamitha Ortiz; Jenkins Middle High School—Jericha Ratliff; Johnson County Middle School—Ben Lafferty; Knox County Middle School—Emily

Mills; Lincoln County Middle School—Chloe Ralston; McCreary County Middle School—Caroline Richmond; Meece Middle School—Jack Bruner; Julia Beasley, and Muneeb Ahmed; Metcalfe County Middle School—Colton Huffman and Kayla Jeffries; Monroe County Middle School—Josie Ford; Morgan County Middle School—Hannah Whitt; North Laurel Middle School—Rae-lyn Bradley; Northern Middle School—Baron White; Pineville Independent School—Gabriel Shipp; Red Bird Christian School—Emma Dickerson; Russell County Middle School—Lakyn Stearns; Science Hill Inde-

pendent—Annie Jones; and Wayne County Middle School—Kallie Powell.

The Rogers Explorers program is presented by The Center in partnership with Lindsey Wilson College, Eastern Kentucky University, Asbury University, University of the Cumberlands, Morehead State University, the University of Pikeville, and Union College. The program is provided tuition-free to applicants who meet the eligibility requirements.

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Hodges

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Hodges said that because of the lack of adequate finances, the school system is not always able to accomplish what they want.

"The lack of funding from the state prevents us from accomplishing our total vision for the district," Hodges said.

But the budget is not the only problem that Hodges has to address. "Getting students to believe that they can succeed can be a problem too," Hodges said. "The culture we want is that every child can be successful, and we realize that success can look different for everyone."

Hodges is helping to lead the school system in some major changes, even though he realizes it may take several

years to accomplish everything he wants.

"We are preparing to start a mentoring program," Hodges explained. "We know a lot of people want to help but they may not know the best way to go about helping our schools. We are building a list of volunteers to help our schools."

There are some requirements to being part of the mentoring program for any adult who is interested.

"We will have to do background checks," Hodges said. "And, of course we will have to have parental consent for the student to be involved."

Hodges said that the school system will provide training to any volunteers so that the adults will become an extension of what the

schools are trying to do.

"We have high expectations," Hodges said. "When a student leaves Green County schools, we want him or her to be ready, whether it is for college or a career. We want them to be ready for life."

Mentors in the school system will help students accomplish that goal.

There are some very tangible changes that are in the works for the school system.

"We are starting to look at bonding and meeting with architects," Hodges said. "We are hoping to do an extensive renovation at the high school. We are really hoping to build an auditorium which will enable us to serve not only the students, but the community as well, at GCHS."

Buildings are not the only changes coming as new extra-curricular activities are also being added.

"We are ready to start some new sports," Hodges said. Coaches have already been hired for the new sports that will begin this Fall.

"We will have girls' soccer at the high school and at the middle school," Hodges said. "We are also adding soccer as a team sport at the middle school. This Winter we are adding wrestling for students in grades six through twelve. In the Spring we are adding bass fishing which is a coed sport."

A drama program is also being developed in the school system for students in middle or high school.

"We plan to have

a production in the Spring," Hodges said.

Hodges is not afraid to dream big.

"One of my dreams," Hodges said, "is that I would love to see a production in a new auditorium, but I just don't know when that will happen for us."

Hodges appreciates

the support he has experienced on the job from the community and the local school board.

"I just appreciate our community," Hodges said. "Overall, people are appreciative of our students and staff and I also believe in our school system, staff and board members."

New fishing & hunting regulations proposed

The Kentucky Fish and Wildlife Commission proposed new steps to make it more convenient for people to obtain their hunter education certification, set elk permit quotas for the 2020-21 season and adopted fishing regulations for newly introduced cutthroat trout at its June 7 quarterly meeting.

The commission is a nine-member board, comprised of volunteers who serve four-year terms after nomination by licensed hunters and anglers, appointed by the governor, and confirmed by the Kentucky senate. The commission recommends hunting, fishing and boating regulations on behalf of the sportsmen and sportswomen of the Commonwealth.

Commission members also proposed requiring license-exempt individuals, including landowners, their spouses, dependent children and tenants, to obtain hunter education certification if born on or after January 1, 2002. If approved by legislators, the change would take effect on Jan. 1, 2020.

In elk-related business, the commission proposed issuing 594 quota hunt permits for the 2020-2021 elk seasons, the same number of permits for the 2019-2020 seasons. The number includes 175 archery/crossbow permits, under which a hunter could harvest either a bull or a cow elk.

The commission also proposed 150 firearm bull permits, 244 firearm cow permits and 25 youth permits.

In wildlife-related business, the commission recommended removing the three-shot-shell limit on shotguns for the Snow Goose Conservation Order Season following a recent statutory change. The Snow Goose Conservation Order season helps reduce rapidly growing populations of snow geese that are damaging fragile Arctic habitat.

In fisheries-related business, the commission recommended a 20-inch minimum size limit and with a one-fish daily creel limit

on cutthroat trout in the Cumberland River from Wolf Creek Dam to the Tennessee state line. Kentucky Fish and Wildlife began stocking cutthroat trout this past spring.

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In hunter education-related business, the commission recommended a change that would allow participants the option of completing their training through a free online only course rather than traveling to a firing range for in-person training. This would fulfill requests from people already familiar with firearms use to make the process more convenient.

Participants in Kentucky hunter education courses would still have opportunities to shoot a gun at a range as part of their training.

Several other states have gone to online courses to provide better convenience and customer service to hunters. If approved by legislators, the change would take effect March 1, 2020.

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Crossword Puzzle

CLUES ACROSS

- Stores
- Worthless entertainment
- Where scientists work
- Pretty flower
- A way to act
- Double-reed instrument
- Type of acid
- Famed astronomer
- Smooth, shiny fabric
- Profited from
- Secret clique
- Infections
- Crony
- Teens go here every day (abbr.)
- Suitable
- Fresh Price of ___ Air
- Ancient city of Egypt
- Basketball move
- Polished
- There's a north and a south
- Egg of a louse
- Once-ubiquitous department store
- Portray precisely
- Thick piece of something
- Period between eclipses
- Indicates near
- Investment account
- England, Scotland, N. Ireland, and Wales (abbr.)
- Beak
- Void of skill
- Walked back and forth
- A display of passion
- Geological times
- Type of restaurant
- Spacious
- Edible seaweed
- Utah city
- Tropical tree
- Nervous tissue compound
- Body part
- Muscles and tendons

CLUES DOWN

- Draw out wool
- Give someone a job
- Chemical and ammo manufacturer
- Footsteps
- The Palmetto State
- Books have lots of them
- Diverse Israeli city
- It's mightier than the sword
- Confines
- First month of the Jewish ecclesiastical year
- Idaho's highest peak
- Prevents from seeing
- Determine time
- Father children
- Tab on a key ring
- Dog genus
- Peter's last name
- Request
- Walk heavily
- Allowances
- English football squad
- Fish-eating aquatic mammals
- South Pacific island region
- Unaccounted for
- Small taste of whiskey
- Ventilated
- Helps little firms
- One of means
- Fencing swords
- Inches per minute (abbr.)
- Turn upside down
- S. African semi desert
- Dutch names of Ypres
- Instruct
- Oily freshwater fish
- Italian river
- Sneaker giant
- The men who man a ship
- Some need glasses
- Body part
- Indicates position

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