

Russell County JROTC Defeats Creek Wood High School

In an undisputed contest, scoring 751.4 points, Russell County JROTC gets the win over Creek Wood High School. Russell County JROTC was led by Ryan Martinez who shot a 238.9.

Overall Creek Wood High School is ranked sixty-seventh.

They have a 1-6 record.

This coming week Russell County JROTC has a bye week. While Creek Wood High School also has a bye week.

These two teams are competing in the National Air Rifle "New Shooter" League.

Sponsored by the Orion Scoring System, the league is a national team league exclusive to athletes in their first year of competition.

Teams are from high schools and junior rifle clubs throughout the United States.

Over 10 weeks each team competes in 8

games. Each week, each team is paired with another team with a near equal skill level.

In each game the teams compete in what is known as a Three-Position Air Rifle match.

The match is modeled after Olympic Rifle competitions but adapted to high school age athletes.

Each athlete will shoot 10 shots in three different shooting positions, prone, standing, and kneeling. Each shot is worth a maximum of 10.9 points.

The sum of points scored in the 30 shots is the athlete's total. The team score is comprised of the best four athletes from each team.

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path.

She said she was certainly interested in the Singletary Scholarship, but had also applied for a Presidential Scholarship from UK.

"The application process was pretty lengthy," she said, "but I did apply for a competitive scholarship, (Presidential Scholarship) and the Honors College together."

Olivia said she was feeling confident about those attempts, and was glad and grateful to find herself among the only 150 applicants chosen to be interviewed by a scholarship committee.

"So that kinda led into the Singletary interview," she said.

The process moved fast, and was exciting.

Having applied in September, she was interviewed in early February.

"It was a big jump from applying to interviewing," she said.

And then things got real...

"I suddenly realized, 'Oh wait, this is actually going to happen!'" she said.

Olivia's mother, Kelly Pierce, owner/operator of Three Daughters Coffee & Sweets, of Russell Springs, recalled the excitement of watching her daughter achieve

the accolade.

"We're just so happy for her," she said. "And we were told she was the first person from here (Russell County) to receive the Singletary Scholarship...so that's pretty neat."

Singletary Scholars receive full tuition for four years, a two-year housing stipend, admission to the Lewis Honors College, and are enrolled in a three-course, mentored experience.

"At least the first, two years are totally covered," Olivia said. "I've got housing covered for two years, and then full tuition for all four (years)...which is amazing."

"It's such a big relief," she said. "I can actually go to school and that (tuition/housing) can be a burden off of me."

Although she doesn't graduate from RCHS until May, Olivia has already visited UK for orientation and acclimation.

"UK has always felt like 'home' to me," Olivia said. "I've always been like, 'That's where I would go to college.'"

As one of the namesakes of her mother's business, Olivia works at Three Daughters, but also as a CNA at the Russell County Hospital.

"I work at the hospital to get my bearings

and everything," she said. "I do work a lot, but I enjoy it."

With plans to concentrate on Nursing, she is aware of the possibility of working in the UK healthcare system.

But after that...

"I wouldn't be opposed to coming back and working here," she said. "I'm keeping my options open."

Throughout high school, Olivia played volleyball, has been a class officer, and member of various clubs.

"I just like to be involved," she said.

She has participated in the Governor's Scholar Program, and was also the local recipient of the Heisman High School Scholarship.

In her rare free time, she enjoys reading, going to the pool, and spending time with her sisters, Ella and Ava.

"I just love my sisters!" she said. "They're the best!"

As she begins her higher-education journey, Olivia said she will continue to seek out scholarships, and looks forward to "meeting people," and hopefully representing Russell County well, and keeping the memory of her late father, Shawn Pierce, in her heart.

FAMILY, FAITH AND FAVORITE THINGS

Submitted by Linda P Stephens

Favorite thingElectricity! March 3rd's wind storm definitely increased our appreciation of electricity! When electricity goes out, we are quickly reminded, there's very little we can do. Without thinking, I plugged in my heating pad, no heat. Later, decided to read a book, ha! Couldn't see with an oil lamp either. Refrigerator full of food but no way to heat it. Supper was sandwiches left over from lunch. They were good and I was thankful to have one. Spent the evening visiting with friends talking and reminiscing about our grandparents who didn't have electricity for many years. Oil lamps for light, food cooked on a wood-stove, warmth from fireplaces and heating stoves were their everyday normal way of living!

Rapture to come, but it could be a sign foreshadowing the second coming. Dr. Jeremiah explains it like this:

"There are no signs for the Rapture; we know that it's a signless event. But if you just take a look at those signs that Jesus gave in Matthew 24 where the word pestilence actually occurs, those are signs for the return of Christ at the end of the Tribulation. And He actually says that those people who saw the signs would see the coming of Christ."

"Well, there are no signs for the Rapture, the Rapture is 7 years away from The Second Coming, in my view of how these events transpire. Let's use the illustration of Christmas and Thanksgiving."

"Nobody talks about Thanksgiving--- there aren't many ads--- but Christmas is advertised like crazy. And the bottom line is this: Because we know Christmas is coming, we know Thanksgiving is coming a little bit earlier. Because we know the Second Coming will happen, we also can see the beginning of the things that will ultimately be a sign of the Second Coming."

"The thing that people need to recognize is this whole scenario happens within seven to eight year period. So, while there aren't any specific signs for the Rapture, when I see the signs for Christmas in the first part of November, I know that Thanksgiving is coming too."

"So that's the point. Future events cast their shadows before them. That's the principle."

(Note: The Rapture is an event before the second coming of Jesus Christ. It's a gathering up of all believers, both living and dead, to meet Jesus Christ in the air. The word rapture is taken from the Latin "rapio" for the two words "caught up". (See 1 Thessalonians 4:13-17)

One more thing Preborns feel Pain. Research conducted by Charlotte Lozier Institute (CLI) revealed that "approximately 6% of all reported abortions take place at or after 15 weeks of gestation." According to CLI, babies can feel pain in the womb as early as 12 weeks. The study further proved that late-term abortions are not as uncommon as the abortion industry often claims.

And another thing ... Bedtime! "After putting her children to bed, a mother changed into old slacks and a droopy t-shirt and proceeded to wash her hair. As she heard the children getting more and more rambunctious, her patience grew thin. At last she threw a towel around her head and stormed into their room, putting them back to bed with stern warnings. As she left the room, she heard her three-year-old say with a trembling voice, "Who was that?"

In closing, Barney says, "A lie doesn't become truth, wrong doesn't become right and evil doesn't become good, just because it's accepted by a majority." Happy St Patrick's Day to all our wonderful readers. Barney says, "Irish you a whole pot of gold." Till next week.

The Rapture and Second Coming. We share today from an interview with Dr. David Jeremiah about his book, "Where Do We Go from Here? How Tomorrow's Prophecies Foreshadow Today's Problems." Barney and I found the article very interesting and plan to read his book.

Dr. Jeremiah is an author, pastor, and international Bible teacher. He maintains that the world's mounting problems aren't random misfortunes but signs of the times pointing to Christ's triumphant return. He said that Christians should not despair over today's chaotic times but instead look expectantly to Christ's Second Coming.

In his book, he writes that COVID-19 isn't a sign of the

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