

Caleb Stickney chosen for The Gatton Academy



John Caleb Stickney

John Caleb Stickney, a sophomore at Estill County High School, has been selected as one of 60 students of the 2017 class of The Gatton Academy at Western Kentucky University.

"The competitiveness of The Gatton Academy's admission process has continued to increase over the years," said Dr. Lynette Breedlove, Director of The Gatton Academy. "This year was no exception, as the Class of 2017 is a remarkable group. We look forward to our expansion next year and being able to admit a greater number of students. Kentucky has a wealth of exceptional students of whom the state can be proud."

Applicants were evaluated based on ACT/SAT scores, high school grades, awards, extracurricular activities, responses to essay questions, and letters of recommendation. Last month, 108 candidates were invited to interview with community

leaders across the Commonwealth and Gatton Academy alumni.

The selected students scored an average composite of 30.82 on ACT and 30.58 on the mathematics portion of the exam. The highest possible score is 36. Caleb had a composite of 32 on his ACT.

Students at The Gatton Academy come from school districts across the commonwealth. They have a high interest in mathematics and science. Caleb hopes to major in astro physics or exoplanetary science.

Students from 39 counties represent the Class of 2017. Casey County had a student admitted for the first time, while the following counties had a second student admitted during The Gatton Academy's eight year history: Edmonson, Harlan, Jackson, Perry, Russell, Todd, and Trimble.

The goal of The Gatton Academy is to enable Ken-

tucky's exceptional young scientists and mathematicians to learn in an environment that offers advanced educational opportunities, preparing them for leadership roles in Kentucky. Moreover, The Gatton Academy assists in preparing Kentucky to compete in a knowledge-based economy by increasing the number of scientists and engineers who live and work in the state.

Students will complete this year living in Bates Runner Hall before moving back into a renovated Florence Schneider Hall. The renovation of Florence Schneider Hall will allow for The Gatton Academy to admit 100 students each year starting with the class of 2018.

At the end of their two year course as a student, students will graduate from high school with a minimum of 60 college credit hours. Caleb will also be able to attend proms at Estill County High School and participate

in other local school functions.

Caleb, the son of Jack and Teresa Stickney, has participated on academic and science olympiad teams.

He is also a Boy Scout. Currently, he is working on his rank as an Eagle Scout. For his Eagle Scout project, he is building a kiosk at Lily Mountain Nature Preserve.

The majority of Gatton Academy students also participate in a student abroad or global learning experience in such locations as Costa Rica, Italy, Greece, England, and China. Caleb says he is looking forward to traveling abroad.

The Gatton Academy is a state-supported, residential program for high school students with interests in advanced science and math careers and one of only 15 in the nation.

In 2012 and 2013, it was named by Newsweek as the nation's top public high school.

Interim Supt. explains how board is required to use its tax dollars

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Stringfield said that at this time over 300 emails are being sent each week to parents who may or may not receive paperwork in their child's weekly folder. She added that this is something that the school will continue to do because of the positive feedback from parents.

The board approved a tentative district facilities plan for the next four years. The plan is somewhat of a wish list of projects that need attention within the district according to Christopher. He also informed the board that once the plan was approved by the board it could be amended but the Kentucky

Board of Education would not approve anything that wasn't listed on the plan, therefore, everything that the board hoped to accomplish in the next four years must be on the plan.

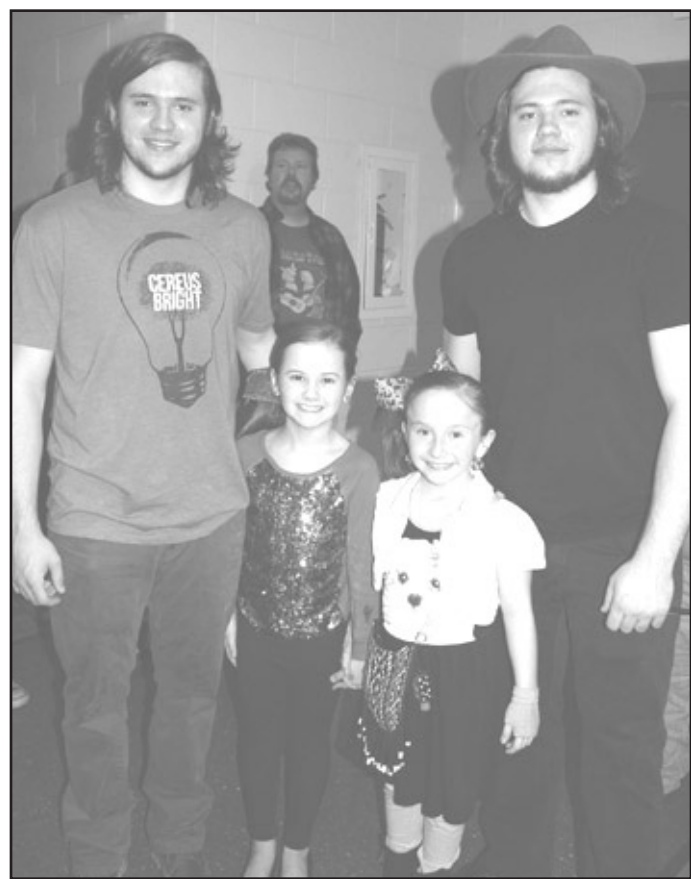
A few items that were listed on the plan was to build a vocational school, a new building at South Irvine Pre-K, a band room, ROTC lab, and agricultural lab at the high school, and an auditorium at the middle school.

Christopher went into great detail to explain how the district receives and uses money during the construction projects that have been happening within the district. He said that the district

receives \$100 per day for 2,200 students that are enrolled at this time. Only 80 percent of that money can be used on projects which leaves roughly \$176,000 that can be utilized. He said the second way that they receive money is from tax dollars. At the current tax rate which is 46 cents per dollar, 41 cents goes directly to the general fund and can't be used for construction projects. That leaves 5 cents per dollar that can be used on construction. The equalization factor is the last way the district receives money. This money comes from Frankfort and Christopher explained that most of the money that is received is restricted funds. That means

that there are guidelines that must be met such as hiring architects and that those funds are controlled by the state.

Chairman Robbie Starling added that the larger the need the better chance of receiving money the district has. The Kentucky Department of Education reviewed the plan and made a few suggestions on revisions so the next step will be to hold a public hearing to get input from the community. Architect Roland Mueller will answer questions during the public hearing that will be held at 5:30 at South Irvine Pre-K Center before the regular meeting in April.



Trevor, left, and Trenton Jenkins had made numerous photos with young fans, Hailey Richardson and Jade Neal. Hailey was at the concert on Estill Springs on Friday and insisted on going on Saturday.

Mon. & Tues., April 6 - 7, 12N-7p

Yard Sale & Book Sale

There will be a yard sale and book sale, Monday & Tuesday, April 6 & 7, 2015, 12 Noon until 7:00 p.m. in

basement of the American Legion on Millers Creek Road in Irvine. Re-scheduled from March because of flooding.

Saturday, Mar. 28, 10-3 p.m.

Photos with Easter Bunny

The Easter Bunny is coming to Priceless Foods in Irvine, Saturday, March 28, 10-3.

A \$5 donation to Relay for

Life gets a 4x6 photo made with the Easter Bunny. All proceeds will go to Relay for Life.



The Jenkins Twins have a new CD, "Jellico," which was produced at a local recording studio owned by Scott Roberts. At the end of their concert, the band presented Roberts with a plaque showing their appreciation. In the photo, left to right, are Roberts, Wesley Jenkins, Trenton Jenkins, and Trevor Jenkins.



Trevor, left, and Trenton Jenkins poses for a photo with Chelsea Hardy.



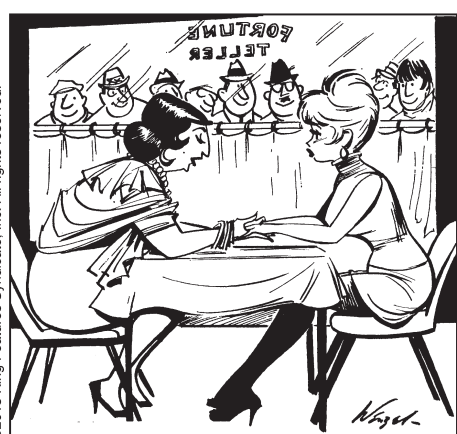
Andrea Cox had her photo made with Trenton, left, and Trevor Jenkins.

SCRAMBLERS

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