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Have you heard?

COMMUNITY

The Rocky Mount Bojangles' Famous Chicken 'n Biscuits has been named the best performing restaurant for 2006 by Bojangles' Restaurants, Inc.

The Franklin County franchise won the ShowBo Award during the corporations' 12th annual BoFest, held at the Westin Resort in Savannah, Ga. The restaurant is managed by Unit Director Pat Foley and owned by David Arrington of Franklin County-based Arrington Enterprises Inc. This was Foley's third win in four years.

Judging for the ShowBo Awards is based on points earned through a comprehensive evaluation process that looks at food quality, customer service, safety, cleanliness and the condition of the exterior of the store. Stores that reach the ShowBo Award finals undergo three separate inspections during three different months by three different sets of judges.

MILITARY

Air Force Airman James Welch has graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio.

During the six weeks of training, he studied the Air Force mission, organization, and military customs and courtesies; performed drill and ceremony marches, and received physical training, rifle marksmanship, field training exercises, and special training in human relations. He also earned credits toward an associate degree through the Community College of the Air Force.

Welch is the son of Hank Welch and Sandra Welch, both of Roanoke. He is a 2004 graduate of Lord Botetourt High School.

CAMPUS

Derick Stackpole has accepted membership into the National Society of Collegiate Scholars. He will be recognized during an induction convocation this fall at Virginia Tech, where he is a sophomore history major. Stackpole was named to the dean's list during his freshman year for the fall and spring semesters. He will be a student teacher advisor in the leadership program this fall.

Stackpole is a 2006 graduate of Northside High School. He is the son of Kathy and Floyd Stackpole of

Roanoke.

Laura Patrick of Roanoke has received a \$1,500 community college scholarship from the Virginia Space Grant Consortium for the 2007-2008 academic year. She will pursue an associate degree in engineering at Virginia Western Community College.

The scholarship is awarded to students enrolled at a Virginia community college who have completed at least one semester of coursework and are pursuing a program of student that includes coursework related to an understanding of or interest in technological fields supporting aerospace.

More information about the consortium is available online at www.vsgc.odu.edu (<http://www.vsgc.odu.edu>) /.

Skyler Vallo of Vinton has received the Outstanding Performance by an Actress Award from Birmingham-Southern College in Birmingham, Ala., where she is a rising sophomore. She is one of 35 students to receive an award for fine or performing arts during the college's 2007 Honors Day Convocation. The awards, sponsored by the college's departments of art, theatre and dance, recognize students who have exhibited outstanding work in art, performance or technical achievement.

Jamil Srour, who recently graduated from the Roanoke Valley Campus of National College with a master's of business administration, has been invited to Salt Lake City, Utah, to discuss his speech titled " Hamas in Gaza and the New Challenges." He will make the presentation at the 2007 Middle East and Central Asia Politics, Economics and Society Conference in September. At the conference, he will talk about the Palestinian Islamist political group, Hamas, in Gaza.

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