

RCMS Reality Check

Rockcastle County Middle School held their annual Reality Store on March 17th. Eighth grade students enjoyed the event and appreciated the effort that was put forth by school staff and various community members.

The hopeful outcome of the Reality Store is that students' attention will be peaked toward involving themselves in a substantive curriculum program focused on preparing for the workforce.

The Reality Store simulates the financial life of a married adult. Based on students' GPA's and career interests, they are given a monthly salary. Students must then pay their taxes, open a savings account, and pay regular monthly household expenses.

It seems that the biggest surprises for the students were the amount of money taken for taxes, child care expenses, and the amount of their salary. Our staff heard several times, "I'm not going to be a teacher. I can't buy anything." Students often had a career interest that was not compatible with their GPA. These students were given a lower paying job in the same field. It was suggested that they work hard during high school to increase their GPA and in turn, be able to make their career goal a reality.

The event could not be possible without the help of our community.

Several volunteers commit themselves year after year. We greatly appreciate the assistance of the following businesses and people: Berea National Bank; Citizens Bank; Community Trust Bank; Danetta Allen, Jeff Cromer, and David Henderson with Ford Realty; Carolyn Stevens; Mickal Shaffer.

Natalie Owens and April Brumett from Rockcastle Hospital; Andy Hatt from Town & Country Motors; State Farm Insurance; Brenda Saylor, Patsy Morgan, and Hazel Jackson, County Extension Office; Jackson Energy; Scott Stupson from Bible Baptist Church; Lisa Gay with Forward in the Fifth; and Sandy Whitaker, Soil Conservation Office.

The project was organized by John McQuary, County Extension Agent, and Mrs. Lenah Cromer, Mr. David Owens, and Mrs. Judy Brock at RCMS. Thanks also to the other school staff helping with the event: Rebecca Cash, Kim Hunter, Anthony Coffey, Terry Parkey, Janice Tolle, Jason Coquer, Nelson Graves, Jason Sims, Jennie Martin, Nancy Hale, Scott Parkey, and J.D. Harris. Thanks also to Charlie Napier, Tabitha Denney and Linda Osborne (Middletown Program) and to Diane Allen (School-to-Careers) and Kathy Bobo (Community Education).



4-H Clothing Projects were held after school at Roundstone Elementary March 11-14. There were 14 students participating. They are, front row from left: Pamela Johnson; Michelle Masters, Kayla Damrell, Miranda Lowery, Courtney Isaacs and Alana Daniel. Back row, from left: Dalton Robinson, Shawnee Burchett, LouAnn Masters, Cole Abney, Aaron Daniel and Tommy Specker. Not pictured were Molley Coffey and Meighan McCoy.



Volunteers are extremely valuable to 4-H Clothing Projects. A special thanks to those volunteers who assisted at Roundstone Elementary. They are, from left: Jennie Daniel, Barbara Congle, Sandy Johnson, Sharon Burchett, Louella Dixon and LouAnn Masters.

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Mt. Vernon Message

Thursday, May 28 is musical dress up day and our all school sing at 1:15 p.m. All students and staff are encouraged to wear something musical.

Friday, March 29 will be the fifth grade ECU "Arts and Humanities Dance."

Spring Break is next week. Have a super vacation!

Students in Mr. Lee's fifth grade class have been studying about the Civil War in their Social Studies class. Anthony Cummins and Michael Collinsworth came into Mr. Lee's class to discuss the Civil War. Both men are actors who take parts in reenactments throughout the state of Kentucky. They are wearing authentic reproductions in both their uniforms and gun, including bayonet. Students learned a lot from their visit.

Project Wisdom narrators for last week included: Cindy Anderkin, counselor; Carly Wintstead, student; Holly Ham, student; Branna Johnson, student; and Judy Maples, Reading Recovery Teacher. Thank you to all who have joined us in this project.

Our quote for this week is "The dictionary is the only place where success comes before work."

Last week's art prize winner was April Coffey from Mrs. Cowan's classroom. Congratulations April!



April Coffey
Weekly Art Prize Winner



Anthony Cummins and Michael Collinsworth



Miss Tricia Alcorn, of Berea, has made the Dean's List at Eastern Kentucky University, for the 2001 Fall semester. Tricia is planning a career in the Nursing profession. Tricia is the daughter of Edd and Kimberly Alcorn of Berea, granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Fletcher of Broadhead and Ed Alcorn of Berea.



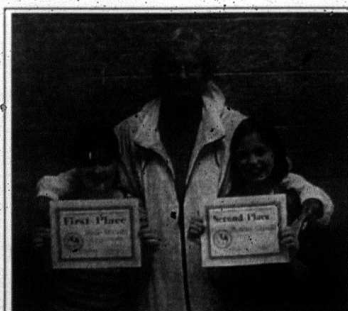
Year after year, RCMS can depend on the three banks in the county to volunteer to assist with the Reality Store. Representatives from Berea National, Community Trust and Citizens Bank spend the day helping students open-checking and saving accounts.



Bible Baptist Church Youth Minister Scott Statton discusses donating to charities and tithing to churches with eighth grader Justin Miller.



Rockcastle Hospital's employees April Brumett and Natalie Owens collect unexpected medical expenses from students.

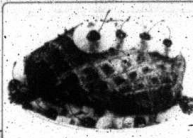


Joanie Alexander from Mrs. Sandy Brown's room was chosen as the winner of the essay contest sponsored by Broadhead Shoprite IGA. Joanie won an all-expense paid trip to Space Camp this summer. Congratulations! Kaitlyn Casdill from Mrs. Dottie Williams' room was chosen as runner-up. The Broadhead FRC and volunteer Mrs. Shirley Martin coordinated this project at the school. Above are Joanie Alexander, left, Debby Hardegreve from Shoprite and Kaitlin Caudill.

FOOD WORLD

AD PRICES VALID Tuesday, Mar. 26, 2002 thru Apr. 1, 2002

We reserve the right to limit quantities and to correct typographical and/or pictorial errors. Name sold to dealer.



Bluegrass Bonnies Jubilee

Whole or Half Hams

4 lb. Easter LILIES 7⁹⁹

149



Dozen Rose Acres

Large Eggs

Sweet Potatoes 39¢

69¢



18.25 oz. w/coupon

Duncan Hines Cake Mix

19.99

2/\$1



Maxwell House Coffee

3⁹⁹



Kraft Miracle Whip

1⁹⁹



JELL-O GELATIN

3/\$1



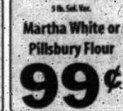
Shurfine SUGAR

2/\$3



Goldkist Young 'n Tender Bone-In Chicken Breast

99¢



Martha White or Pillsbury Flour

99¢



Sweet See BROTHS

2/\$1



Dole Pineapple

99¢



1 lb. pkg. Sweet California Strawberries

2/\$5



Young Turkeys

79¢



Country Crock SPREAD

1⁹⁹

Turkey Valley Roast Bone-In Turkey Breast 99¢

U.S.D.A. Western Grain Fed Beef Boneless Sirloin Tip Roast 1⁹⁹

Gwaltney Smoked Hams 1²⁹

Shank Portion Lb.

Semi-Boneless Rib Steaks 4⁹⁹

Shank Portion Lb.

Cool Whip Whipped Topping 99¢

1 lb. pkg.

PRODUCE SALE

Wash. State Red Del. Apples 1⁹⁹

1 lb. bag

All Green Dole Pascal Celery 99¢

1 lb. bag

Fresh Vegetables 6⁹⁹

1 lb. bag

Fancy Green Asparagus 1²⁹

1 lb. bag

Medium Yellow Onions 99¢

1 lb. bag

Fresh Vegetable Platter 6⁹⁹

1 lb. bag

Calif. Finest Navel Oranges 1⁹⁹

1 lb. bag

Star Ruby Red Fla. Grapefruit 1⁹⁹

1 lb. bag

Wisconsin Russet Potatoes 1⁴⁹

1 lb. bag

Fresh Bag Dole Cole Slaw 99¢

1 lb. bag