

## BES Primary classes Working Together with Special Friends

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Hi, this is Megan Taylor and Jackie Alexander from Mrs. Rogers and Mrs. Fairchild's class telling you about our activities at Sowder Nursing Home. We began this project at the beginning of the 1999 school year. When we were at the nursing home, one of the activities we did was animal classification. We did this by cutting out animals in magazines and sorting them by attribute and not attribute. (Attribute means like when something has fur like a bunny and a frog does not have fur). When we did this activity our partners were very happy. Some more activities we did at the nursing home were: we planted flowers with our special friends, we enjoyed Derby Day and we painted portraits.

Our classmates and our teachers had a lot to say about going to the nursing home. Most people said they liked the Nursing Home. We like it too. William Lovell said he likes when they say stuff nice. Cecil Rucker said he likes working with his friend, Caitlin Burke said she thinks it is fun at the nursing home. People are nice there. Mesa Ellington said she likes it because she gets to learn. She said she likes that you can talk to the people and they help you. They like her and she likes them. Mrs. Fairchild said she likes to see us working so well and how much our friends enjoyed us. Jackie Alexander said, "What I learned was to share with others and even if people are old and can't hardly do anything they can still love you very much. The things I think about the Nursing Home are, the people there love us, they try to help us even if they can't and they know they can't. I think it is nice of them to do that."

On Friday, May 19, Ms. Rogers and Ms. Fairchild's class had a recep-

tion for the people at the nursing home. This reception was to say goodbye to our friends at the nursing home. We had the reception in the school lunch room. We sang at the reception. The things us kids did to help with the reception is bring in money to buy the food, help make the decorations, sing songs, make invitations and help the elderly people. We were ushers, waiters, singers and speakers at the nursing home reception.

What we learned from the people at the Nursing Home was how to share with others, how to be kind, and how to help each other with things they don't know how to do.

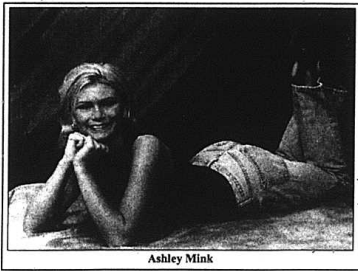
What I liked about the Nursing Home is how the elderly was so nice to us another thing I liked at the Nursing Home was the people that worked there were nice to let Ms. Rogers and our class come to the Nursing Home. We will not forget the people at the nursing home.

Dear Class,  
 We have enjoyed this past year very much, we hate to see school come to an end. We have really enjoyed spending time with you. The time we spent together brightened our lives and filled a lonely day with fun and laughter. The program you had at school was really special. Your singing and the letters about the time you spent with us, was very nice, the cake was delicious. Thank you for inviting us and being so kind. Have lots of fun and a great summer.

Love,  
 Residents from Sowder Nursing Home

A special thanks to the students for all their hard work and dedication this year. We would also like to thank our "Special Friends," Ms. Sharon Cunagin, and staff at Sowder Nursing Home for their willingness to participate in our activities. Thanks also to Ms. Judy Penry and all our parents and other family members volunteers. It's been a wonderful year and the students have learned and enjoyed learning.

Ms. Cynthia Rogers & Ms. Melissa Fairchild



Ashley Mink

## Mink chosen as State Finalist in Miss Jr. Teen

Miss Ashley LaCole Mink, age 15, daughter of James Wayne and Louise Mink of Mt. Vernon has been chosen as a State Finalist in the Miss Kentucky American Jr. Teen Pageant to be held July 9th at the beautiful Hyatt Regency Hotel in Lexington. The pageant is held for girls ages 13 through 15. The winner of the pageant will receive a \$1,000 cash award, the official crown and banner, bouquet of roses and transportation to compete in the national pageant at Walt Disney World in Florida. Other pageants are held for the state to include girls of other ages.

Thousands of dollars in cash awards, scholarships, trophies and prizes will be awarded during the state pageant weekend. According to pageant officials, since 1983 the Miss American Coed Pageant System has awarded more than eleven million dollars in scholarships and awards to

deserving young ladies. All activities are age-appropriate and family-oriented.

Families interested in receiving information about the pageants may call or write "Pageant Headquarters," 5925 Portie Road, Vidor, Texas 77662; phone (409)681-9800.

The pageants are for "Tomorrow's Leaders." They are open to girls with goals and dreams based on inner beauty, as well as poise, presentation and an "All-American spirit for family, fun and friends." Emphasis is placed on the importance of gaining self confidence, learning new skills, learning good attitudes about competition, and setting and achieving personal goals. The pageant seeks to recognize the accomplishments of each girl while encouraging her to set goals for the future.

Tickets will be available at the pageant the cost for tickets are \$15.00 each.

## Graduates receive Tech Prep Scholarship from Sullivan

The Lexington Campus of Sullivan College is pleased to announce that four graduates of Rockcastle County High School has received a Tech Prep Scholarship for the 2000-2001 school year. Tech prep is a combined high school and post-secondary program designed to assist and prepare students for challenging professional and technical careers.

Rockcastle graduates are Susan Gray, Ella Harrison, Sahliena Schestian and Sandra Gray. Susan is planning to major in Computer Science, Ella is planning to major in Administrative Management, Sahliena is planning to major in Childcare Management and Sandra will be majoring in Legal Studies at Sullivan. This pro-

gram affords graduates a concentrated curriculum that enables students to enter their employment field in less than two years.

Sullivan College, Kentucky's largest private college or university, is accredited by the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools to award Associate, Bachelor's and Master's degrees. Sullivan College offers programs in the fields of accounting, office administration, computer science, travel and tourism, marketing and sales, and business management. In addition Sullivan also offers paralegal studies, medical office management, medical and clinical assisting, childcare management and Microsoft engineering programs.

## Seven students participate at VICA State Convention

Seven students from Rockcastle County Area Technology Center recently competed in the Kentucky State VICA Skill and Leadership Championships, held in Louisville, at the Executive West, April 10-13. The seven students that participated were Kevin Navarre, Jeff Anglin, Coby Robinson, Brian Baker, Joe Saylor, Kayla Hayes and Eric Shafer. Each student received the Kentucky Statesman Award, which is the

highest degree at the state level. This award is achieved by memorizing 26 points about the Kentucky VICA organization. Two students placed in state skills finals at the competition, Kevin Navarre received a 2nd place silver medal in Residential Electricity and Coby Robinson received a 3rd place, bronze medal for Action Skills. Teachers Gerald Hammons and Ralph Baker chaperoned the students.

## Dyehouse named U.S. National Award winner in Science

The United States Achievement Academy announced today that Mark Y. Dyehouse of Brodhead, has been named a United States National Award Winner in Science.

This award is a prestigious honor very few students can ever hope to attain. In fact, the Academy recognizes fewer than 10% of all American high school students.

Mark, who attends Rockcastle County Middle School, was nominated for this national award by Ms. Julie Coffey, a teacher at the school.

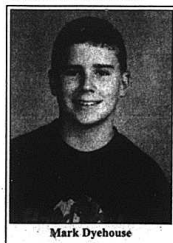
Mark will appear in the United States Achievement Academy Official Yearbook, which is published nationally.

"Recognizing and supporting our youth is more important than ever before in America's history. Certainly, United States Achievement Academy winners should be congratulated and appreciated for their dedication to excellence and achievement," said Dr. George Stevens, Executive Director of the United States Achievement Academy.

The Academy selects USAA winners upon the exclusion recommendation of teachers, coaches, counselors, and other qualified sponsors and upon the Standards of Selec-

tion set forth by the Academy. The criteria for selection are a student's academic performance, interest and aptitude, leadership qualities, responsibility, enthusiasm, motivation to learn and improve, citizenship, attitude and cooperative spirit, dependability and recommendation from a teacher or director.

Mark is the son of Kathy and Kenneth Dyehouse of Brodhead and the grandson of Billy and Wilene Bussell of Brodhead and Vida Dyehouse and the late Elwood Dyehouse of Crab Orchard.



Mark Dyehouse

## Caldwell named All-American Scholar

The United States Achievement Academy announced today that Leigh Ann Caldwell of Brodhead has been named an All-American Scholar.

The USAA has established the All-American Scholar Award Program to offer deserved recognition to superior students who excel in the academic disciplines. The All-American Scholar must earn a 3.3, or higher, grand point average. Only Scholars selected by a school instructor, counselor or other qualified sponsor are accepted. These scholars are also eligible for other awards given by the USAA.

Leigh Ann, who attends Rockcastle County Middle School, was nominated for this national award by Ms. Miller.

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Leigh Ann is the daughter of Gary and Doris Caldwell and the granddaughter of Carl and Fern Caldwell and late Tony and Christine Brown all of Brodhead.



Leigh Ann Caldwell

## Hammond attending summer program in Italy

Several students are attending the Kentucky Institute for International Studies' summer program in Italy including Bethanne Hammond of Mt. Vernon, daughter of Larry and Rebekah Hammond.

The Italy program is one of 18 academic programs conducted by the

Kentucky Institute for International Studies. The KIIS, headquartered at Murray State University, is a consortium of 16 colleges and universities in Kentucky, Ohio, Tennessee and Indiana that administers quality, affordable study abroad programs in 12 foreign countries.

## Owens selected as VFW Teacher Award Winner

Department Junior Vice Commander Bill Apple, announced the Department level winners of the VFW National Citizenship Education Teacher Award.

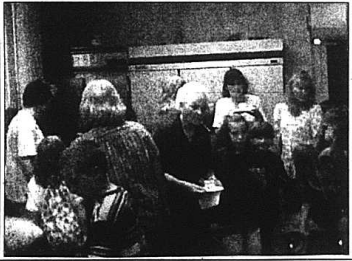
The VFW, in an effort to recognize the nation's top elementary, junior high and high school teachers who teach citizenship education topics regularly and promote American's history, traditions and institutions effectively have developed the VFW National Citizenship Education Teacher Award.

Based on the nominees that were submitted by November 1st, Kentucky VFW Posts have recognized one outstanding teacher in grades, K-5, 6-8 and 9-12.

This year's first place in 9-12 grade category was Mr. David Owens. Mr. Owens, who was nominated by Lawler-Hanlon Post 5662, teaches students at Silver Grove High School in Silver Grove.

In addition to the various awards and presentations made at post and district levels, the three winners will be invited to attend the joint opening session of the State Convention. During the joint opening session, the teachers will receive plaques of appreciation from the Department Commander and President.

Additionally, these individuals will now compete on the national level in their respective categories.



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