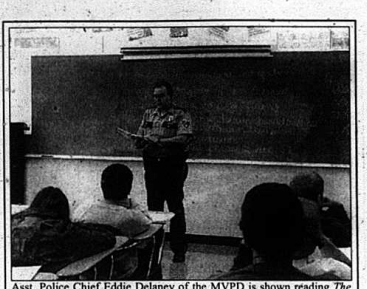
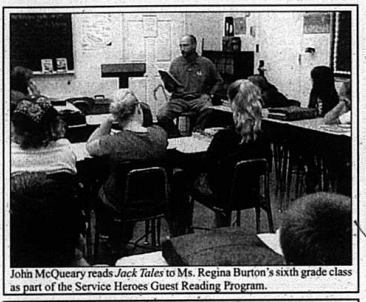
# Service Heroes Reading Program

The Rockcastle County Middle School's 21st Century Community Learning Center in conjunction with the America's Promise Guest Readers Program has begun an exciting partnership. Several community members were involved in the Service Heroes Guest Readers Program. "Service Heroes" from the community were invited to be guest readers in the classrooms at RCMS, Dr. Tony Arvin, Corey Craig from the Community Trust Bank, John McQueary from the County Extension Office, Bro. Adam Dooley from the Freedom Baptist Church, and Asst. Police Chief Eddie Delaney from the Mt. Vernon Police Department all participated in this year's program.

These "Service Heroes" read a selection from their favorite children's book to a selected class and then shared with class about the importance of lifelong reading skills and the positive impact that reading has had on their lives. Guest readers are reading models who involve students in reading in a very inviting and informative ways. The America's Promise Guest Readers Program is an excellent way to connect with, involve and inform community members about our school and to draw upon community resources.

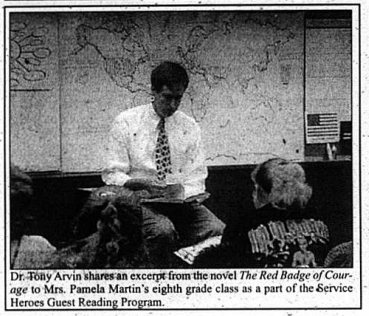


Asst. Police Chief Eddie Delaney of the MVPD is shown reading *The Terrible and Horrible, No Good, Very Bad Day* to Mrs. Pam Logan's sixth grade class as part of the Service Heroes Guest Reading Program.

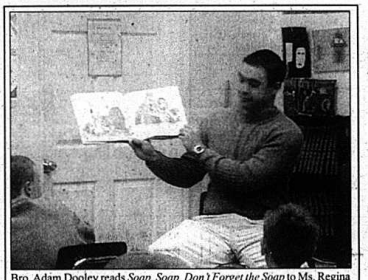


John McQueary reads *Jack Tales* to Ms. Regina Burton's sixth grade class as part of the Service Heroes Guest Reading Program.

Corey Craig, Branch Manager of the Community Trust Bank in Mt. Vernon reads a proficient short story from a student's portfolio completed last year to Mrs. Karen Powell's seventh grade class as a part of the Service Heroes Guest Reading Program.



Dr. Tony Arvin shares an excerpt from the novel *The Red Badge of Courage* to Mrs. Pamela Martin's eighth grade class as a part of the Service Heroes Guest Reading Program.



Bro. Adam Dooley reads *Soap, Soap, Don't Forget the Soap* to Ms. Regina Burton's sixth grade class as a part of the Service Heroes Guest Reading Program.

# Senior Night royalty crowned

On October 19th, Rockcastle County High School's newest royalty was crowned. For the first time in our school history a Prince and Princess were crowned at the dance following the senior night football game. The RCHS FCCLA (Family Career and Community Leaders of America) sponsored this year's dance. Club advisors are Darlene Martin and Carla Parsons.

Thirteen clubs made a bid for the crown by nominating prince and princess candidates. Each candidate created and displayed a poster about themselves and the club they represented. Students who attended the dance made the final decision as they voted for their favorite candidates. Travis Burton, representing the French Club and Elizabeth Matekovich, representing FCCLA were crowned Prince and Princess by Miss Angela Boreing, 2001 Homecoming Queen and Jens Streitzel, Frog Prince. Runners up and part of the royal court were Adam Childress, representing FCCLA, Jessica Thacker, Key Club, Tyler Strunk, Chess Club, and Courtney Alexander, Teen Leadership Council.

Other nominees and their clubs were: Austin Miller, KEY Club; Kane Holbrook and Jamie Ornella, Spanish National Honor Society; Jessica Denny, Chess Club; Jameson Cable, Y-Club; Genna Cummins, Eastern Kentucky Leadership Network; Brittany Asher, French Club; John Bray, TLC; Jon Burdette and Wendy West, Job Quest; Devon Bussell and Cassie Sowder, National Honor Society; Amber Thacker, BETA Club; Ricky Barrett and Cassie Smith, STLP; Aaron Cash and Jessica Jones, Rocket Club.

Special thanks goes to Wendy's for donating a $5.00 gift certificate to the winners and to Aletha's Flowers and Gifts for donating a beatiful bouquet of flowers for the Princess. Thanks to all who put much time and effort into making this event possible.

# School Menus

**November 7-9, 2001**

**Breakfast**

**Wednesday:** Sausage/egg biscuit or cereal, toast/jelly, juice and milk.

**Thursday:** French toast stick with syrup or cereal, toast/jelly, juice and milk.

**Friday:** Egg/cheese biscuit or cereal, toast/jelly, juice and milk.

**Lunch**

**Wednesday:** Manager's choice.

**Thursday:** Chili and crackers, sandwich, veggies and dip, fruit and milk.

**Friday:** Hamburger on bun or sandwich, lettuce/pickles, french fries, applesauce and milk.

Candidates from left to right, front row: Tyler Strunk, Jessica Denny, Wendy West, Cassie Sowder, Elizabeth Matekovich, Jessica Thacker and Travis Burton. Second row: Jon Burdette, Devon Bussell, Derrick Hensley (Escort), Austin Miller and Brittany Asher. Third row: Jameson Cable, John Bray, Genna Cummins, Kristy Chislum (escort), Amber Thacker, Courtney Alexander and Aaron Cash.

# Mt. Vernon Message

Students in Mr. Lee's fifth grade classroom have completed their research and are ready to present their projects in the Biographical Hall of Fame. Presentations will be on Friday, November 2 at 2:00 p.m. in the MVES library.

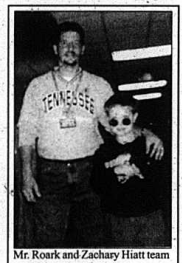
Our Family Resource Center sponsored Red Ribbon Week as an emphasis on drug-free living. One of the special activities was Team Up Against Drugs day. Pictured are Zachary Hiatt and Mr. Roark as they proudly wore their Tennessee shirts to team up against drugs.

There will be no school on Nov. 5 and 6.

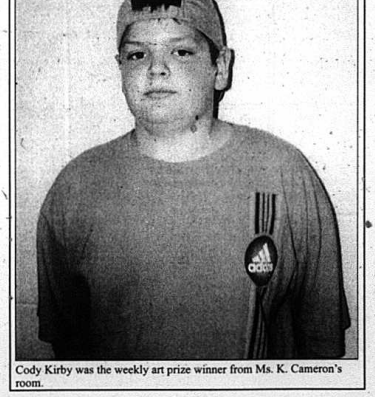
Project narrators for last week included: Devon Davidson, student; Josh Robbins, RCHS student; Roy Martin, parent; Sonya Parker, parent; and Mary Ann McNew, Instructional Assistant.

Thanks to all the participants. The quote for this week is, "Keep your eyes on the stars and your feet on the ground."

Last week's art prize winner was Cody Kirby from Ms. Kaye Cameron's classroom. Congratulations Cody.



Mr. Roark and Zachary Hiatt team up against drugs.



Cody Kirby was the weekly art prize winner from Ms. K. Cameron's room.

# Thornberry student teaching at EKU

An Eastern Kentucky University student from Mt. Vernon is among 63 teacher education students who are student teaching this semester.

EKU's College of Education places its student teachers in classrooms to gain practical teaching experience, said Dr. Bruce Bonar, director of professional laboratory experiences. The student-teaching experience is required for certification and follows on-campus instruction in teaching fundamentals, methods and subject-matter areas. Prior to student teaching, Eastern student teachers spend at least 150 hours in a variety of schools learning about teaching.

The student teachers are working at the secondary, elementary and middle-school levels and in special education classrooms.

Local residents and the school to which they have been assigned include Anthony G. Thornberry of Mt. Vernon. His assigned schools are Rockcastle Middle and Berea Community.

"Each student teacher works closely with an experienced classroom teacher and a member of the College of Education faculty who is committed to this important learning experience and student's success," Bonar said. "Our teacher education graduates are well-prepared, and we are confident that they will meet the educational challenges of the 21st century."

EKU students preparing for teaching careers also have the unique advantage of gaining practical classroom experience at Model Laboratory School, the only laboratory school in Kentucky and one of the largest in the nation. Model Lab provides educational experiences that might otherwise be unavailable for future teachers.

Eastern is the Commonwealth's largest producer of classroom teachers and school administrators.

"The success of our teacher education program is based on high admission standards, a dedicated faculty and a course of study that combines strong content and methodology courses with practical experiences in a variety of school settings, including our own nationally-recognized laboratory school, before our students student-teach," said Dr. Mark Wasicsko, dean of EKU's nationally accredited College of Education. "We believe it is our duty to prepare the best possible future teachers who in addition to teaching their subjects will positively impact the lives of students and improve their communities."

Elizabeth Matekovich, the FCCLA, and Travis Burton, the French Club, were voted and crowned Princess and Prince at the Senior Night Dance.

# Local student enrolls at Centre College

Ashley Lawson of Scaffold Cane has enrolled this year at Centre College, joining a freshmen class marked by unusual academic strength. Fifty-six percent are in the top 10 percent of their class, while the average G.P.A. is 3.73.

Centre opened its fall term with the highest enrollment in the school's history.

Centre registered 1,071 students on the first full day of classes, Sept. 3, 2001.

Lawson joins a diverse student body that represents twenty-three states and territories and five foreign countries.

Lawson is the daughter of Terry and Marlene Lawson of Scaffold Cane and is a graduate of Rockcastle County High School.

Kentucky's highest ranked national institution, Centre is listed by U.S. News and World Report among the country's top 50 national liberal arts colleges. Centre leads all colleges and universities in the percentage of alumni who give annual financial support.

The Theatre and Music Departments at Cumberland College are proud to announce the cast members of the upcoming production of *Oklahoma!*

Lora Beth Payne, a senior at Cumberland College, will play the role of Lori. Lora Beth is from Mt. Vernon, and is the daughter of Faith and Dennis Payne.

*Oklahoma!* is set in a Western Indian territory just after the turn of the century. The high-spirited rivalry between the local farmers and cowboys provides the colorful background against which Curly, a handsome cowboy, and Laurey, a winsome farm girl play out their love story.

*Oklahoma!* runs November 1-4, at the Grace Crum Rollins Fine Arts Center located on the Cumberland College campus. All shows begin at 8:00 p.m. nightly except for the Sunday matinee beginning at 2 p.m.

General admission is $20.00 for adults and $5.00 for children and students. For ticket information call the Box Office at (606)539-4535.