

BES promotes family and community involvement

The Students With Ability Team (SWAT) have been spending some extra time with their peers and family this year. On October 12, about 35 students, family members and teachers met at Burton's Bearwallow Pumpkin Farm and Haney's Appledele Farm in Nancy for a Saturday family fall outing to get to know their teachers, peers and families a bit better.

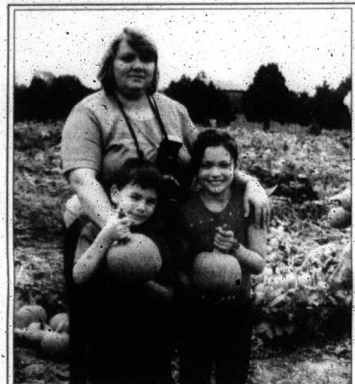
On December 10, they met again for a special storytelling with local storyteller and educator, Mrs. Claudinnia Cash. Mrs. Cash read the enchanting story, *The Polar Express*. After students heard the story, they decorated cookies while parents were given information about storytelling

with their children. Each family received a free book from Mrs. Cash. About 75 students, parents and family members and school staff were in attendance at the storytelling event. We would like to thank everyone who attended and also Mrs. Cash, Mrs. Judy Petrey and Mrs. Debbie Mobley for helping with the event.

A follow-up event is also being planned for the spring. Students will be writing a literary piece for their portfolio and will be sharing their stories with peers and families at a spring storytelling session. Students will also be involved in a unit of study of Mexico and they will be sending their stories to a school in Mexico as part of a service-learning project.



Daniel Legg helping his younger brother, Tommy, choose that special cookie to decorate.



Jeremiah and Olivia Caudill enjoyed picking pumpkins with their mother, Marsha.



Cecil Rucker enjoyed a hayride to the pumpkin patch with his sister, Ruby and father, Cecil.

School Menu

January 6 - 10, 2003

Monday: Breakfast

Monday: Manager's Choice

Tuesday: Egg Cheese Biscuit or cereal, toast/jelly, juice, milk.

Wednesday: Gravy & Biscuit, sausage or cereal, biscuit/jelly, juice, milk.

Thursday: Breakfast pizza or Cereal, toast/jelly, juice, milk.

Friday: Funnel cake or cereal, toast/jelly, juice, milk.

Lunch

Monday: Manager's Choice

Tuesday: Vegetable soup and sandwich, veggies and dip, crackers, dessert, milk.

Wednesday: Chicken fried steak, parsley potatoes, broccoli & cheese, bread, fruit dessert, milk.

Thursday: Chuckwagon on bun with cheese or sandwich, french fries, cole slaw, pudding pop, milk.

Friday: Hot dog on bun or sandwich, potato rounds, carrot sticks, peaches, milk.

Abram Taylor inducted into honour society

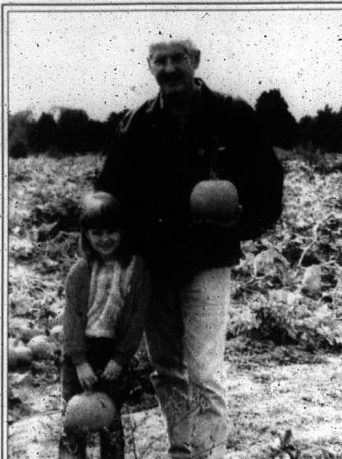
Abram J. Taylor of Mt. Vernon has accepted membership in Golden Key International Honour Society and was inductively honored during a campus ceremony.

"It is only fitting that a high academic achiever like Abram be recognized by Golden Key," said Alexander D. Perwich II, Golden Key executive director. "Our members are inspired and motivated by the challenge not only to be recognized for their outstanding accomplishments but also to make a positive impact on our world through the

Society's commitment to service."

Golden Key International Honour Society is a non-profit, academic honors organization that provides academic recognition, leadership opportunities, community service, career networking and scholarships.

The Society has more than 100 chapters in the United States, Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands, Australia, Canada, Malaysia, South Africa and New Zealand. Membership into the Society is by invitation only to the top 15 percent of juniors and seniors in all fields of study.



Shalynn Winkler with her father, Terry, at the family fall outing.



Mrs. Claudinnia Cash telling the story of how a boy takes a magical train trip to the North Pole on Christmas Eve.



Students, parents and teachers listening to the story, *The Polar Express*.



Brownie Troop 606 visited Rockcastle Rehabilitation in Brodhead on December 10th. They sang Christmas carols and delivered crafts they had made for the patients. Thanks to Rockcastle Rehabilitation for allowing the girls to share Christmas! Pictured are the girls practicing their carols.

RCMS SBDM minutes

The regular monthly meeting of the Rockcastle Co. Middle School was held December 16th at 4 p.m. Present were Johnnie A. Coffey, principal and members Ken Mattingly, Ken Abney, Pam Martin, Shari Proctor and Sandy Whitaker. Visitors were Tammy Miller and David Pensol.

Issues of business discussed and dispensed with were:

Mrs. Miller, assistant principal at RCMS, shared the PD/curriculum plan for the school for the remainder of the year, including proposed timelines, with the council. The council agreed with the plan.

Mr. Coffey consulted with the council on the hiring of Patricia Kirby for the position of instructional assistant in the library and told the council about the resignation of the head softball coach at the school. The council agreed to post the position as soon as possible.

Coffey also told the council that the scholastic audit had been completed and should be returned within three to four weeks.

The literacy audit was also shared with the council. The audit was conducted by Dr. Arrington of U.K. and, after a brief discussion, the council agreed by consensus to allow David Pensol to contact Dr. Arrington and ask him to come down and assist in following up on the concerns and recommendations expressed in the audit.

Coffey also told the council that the policies at RCMS needed to be updated and that the council would begin to look at this within the next few months. Pensol agreed to provide a consultant to assist with the process.

And, Coffey told the council that there would be time provided at each council meeting for presentations by the ad-hoc committees in the school.

The Brodhead Vol. Fire Dept. would like to thank all those that braved the cold Saturday, December 14th for the parade. To the businesses and the ones who decorated their homes, thank you!!! To all those who participated in the parade, you are all wonderful. Everyone involved helped to make the parade a success and made our town look great. We appreciate all the support you give. A special thank you to Ms. Victoria Dunn and Ms. Rebecca Russell, you did so well on such a short notice and we all appreciate you both.

NEW YEARS GREETINGS

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NOTICE

The Housing Authority of Mt. Vernon will have a meeting for the public to review their Annual Plan for 2003. This meeting is scheduled for Friday, January 10, 2003 at 6:00 p.m. Location is the office at 50 Lovell Lane. This meeting is regarding the update of the Annual Plan for 2003 and all the changes that will be adopted by the Housing Authority. Any questions, please feel free to call the office at 606-256-4185.

Aneta R. Vance
Executive Director
Housing Authority of Mt. Vernon

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