



From left: Rebecca Isaacs, District Assessment Coordinator for Rockcastle County, Sherri McKinney, AmeriCorps Literacy Vol. and Sharon Ponder, Reading Specialist at Broadhead Elementary.



From left: April Hudson, 2nd grade teacher at Roundstone Elementary, Ashley Harris, AmeriCorps Literacy Vol. at Roundstone and Rebecca Isaacs.



From left: Rebecca Isaacs, Joanna Albright and Shelley Parkerson, Reading Recovery Teacher at MVES.

Local leaders, community members and parents to celebrate reading

Students at Broadhead Elementary School will join millions of their peers across the county to celebrate the joy of reading on March 3 - in celebration of the birthday of Dr. Seuss. This nationwide reading party is part of "NEA's Read Across America," sponsored by the National Education Association and many of America's leading literacy, youth and civic groups.

All of the research shows that when children read outside of school, they do better in school. So, from coast to coast, teachers, celebrities, community members and parents are joining together to find ways to rekindle our students' passion for reading.

ing BES activities promise to do just that.

Our goal is for every student from pre-school through fifth grade to be in the company of a book on March 3. Special guest readers have been invited to the school that morning to read to each classroom of children after an enjoyable breakfast of "green eggs and ham," provided by the food service staff.

Groups joining NEA's Read Across America, include The American Library Association, America Reads, Boys & Girls Clubs of America, Youth Service America, the NAACP, National Council of LaRaza and many others.

AmeriCorps volunteers provide vital service to elementary schools

Ashley Harris-RES
Ashley Harris is a familiar face at Roundstone Elementary. She is serving as a second year AmeriCorps literacy volunteer, working with third grade students in reading. She works closely with Site Supervisor April Hudson to plan lessons, using the horizons and Scott-Foreman reading programs, for Mrs. Hudson's and Mrs. Davidson's classes.

She also conducted a beef stew drive at Mt. Vernon Elementary, in conjunction with Poplar Grove Baptist Church, that benefited The First Baptist Church community food bank.

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Sherri McKinney-BES
Sherri McKinney is an AmeriCorps literacy volunteer, serving this year at Broadhead Elementary. She works with students, using the horizons reading program and Great Leaps reading program, to help them improve their reading skills and gain confidence in reading. She works closely with reading specialist Sharon Ponder to ensure that students are meeting their reading goals. Ms. Ponder states, "Sherri's role here at BES is a very important one as she works toward our reading goals by assisting and instructing students. She has high expectations for student achievement and accepts the responsibility for students to reach their full potential."

Miss Sherri also assists students in the library with the Accelerated Reading Program. She makes sure that students are choosing books that are on their level so they will have success in reading and understanding the book. To help students learn about their favorite authors, Miss Sherri does an author study every month. In addition to reading with students, Miss Sherri invites local community members to be guest readers in classrooms at Broadhead.

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gains in both reading and writing. As her supervisor, I am grateful for her ethics. She certainly makes my job easier."

In addition to her reading groups, JoAnna also tutors students individually. She coordinates a guest reader program by inviting community members to be guest readers in the classroom. To celebrate "Make a Difference Day" in October, JoAnna invited service heroes to be guest readers. She also conducted a beef stew drive at Mt. Vernon Elementary, in conjunction with Poplar Grove Baptist Church, that benefited The First Baptist Church community food bank.

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EKU Spotlight Day

If you are a high school senior or community college student considering Eastern Kentucky University, you may have more questions than answers at this point. But you can get many of those questions answered Saturday, February 22 at EKU's first Spotlight Day of the spring semester.

High school seniors, prospective transfers and their parents have a special invitation to visit the Richmond campus for the event, which will begin with registration and a welcome in Brock auditorium at 8 a.m. and continue elsewhere on campus through 12:30 p.m.

Students planning to attend must pre-register by calling 859-622-1559 (or toll free, 1-800-465-9191) or on-line at www.enrollment.eku.edu/spotlight. Spring 2003. Registration forms also are available from high school guidance counselors.

"Cost Share"

(Cont. from front)

Animal/Waste Control Facilities; Animal Waste Utilization, Vegetative Filter Strips; Sinkhole Protection; Heavy Use Area Protection; Rotational Grazing System Establishment; Livestock-Stream Crossing and Riparian Area Protection.

Ranking of Applications will be done on the state level by the Kentucky Soil and Water Conservation Commission at the Kentucky Division of Conservation located in Frankfort. Approval of applications is based on a statewide ranking criteria and the availability of funds. Cost share rates are a maximum of 60 to 75 percent of the actual installation cost of the practice not to exceed \$7,500 per year for agronomic practices or \$20,000 per year for animal waste practices.

For more information, stop by the conservation district office located at USDA Service Center, Hwy. 150 in Mt. Vernon Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Ph. 606-256-2525, Ext. 3.



Last weekend, RCHS Y-Club members Megan Parker, Travis Burton, Katie Stevens, and Jackson Bryant attended the GO FOR IT CONFERENCE "Go For It" is a conference held for teens statewide designed to help build and strengthen leadership skills. The conference was held at Jaber in Faubush, Ky. The theme of the conference was "PEACE-ING IT ALL TOGETHER." Burton attended the conference in preparation to serve as the president of the Student Council at the Kentucky United Nations Assembly held in March.

Local residents receive ECU awards

Dean's Award

Eastern Kentucky University students who received the Dean's Award for the Fall 2002 semester include: Jameson A. Bryant, Deborah D. Clark, April D. Martin, Lindsey A. Parsons and Warren Wayne Whitaker, all of Mt. Vernon; Rissie G. Griffin of Broadhead and Tasha LaShena VanZant of Orlando.

To earn the Dean's Award, students must achieve Dean's List honors at ECU for three semesters, not necessarily consecutive.

The lapel pin is presented to students by the dean of their academic college, according to ECU Registrar Jill Alliger. "Achieving the Dean's List three times is a significant accomplishment," Alliger said.

To achieve Dean's List honors at ECU, students attempting 14 or more credit hours must earn a 3.5 grade point average out of a possible 4.0. Students attempting 13 credit hours must earn a 3.65 GPA and students attempting 12 credit hours must earn a 3.75 GPA.

Dean's List

Named to the Dean's List at ECU for the Fall 2002 semester include: Elizabeth A. Bradley, Derrick C. Bussell, Rissie G. Griffin and Cassandra L. Taubee, all of Broadhead; April D. Abney, Courtney P. Alexander, John R. Bray, Jameson A. Bryant, Vidua Lynn Carmack, Deborah D. Clark, Joshua K. Lyons, April D. Martin, Lindsey A. Parsons, Cassandra A. Smith, Warren Wayne Whitaker and Miranda W. Bullock, all of Mt. Vernon and Tasha LaShena VanZant of Orlando.

"We are always pleased to recognize outstanding academic achievement at Eastern Kentucky University," said ECU President Joanne Glasser.

Eastern Kentucky University is a comprehensive university, serving more than 15,000 students on its 725 acre Richmond campus, at its educational centers in Corbin, Danville and Manchester and throughout the Commonwealth.

ECU students student-teaching this semester

The 209 Eastern Kentucky University teacher-education students who are student-teaching this semester include Jameson Bryant and Slade Calhoun, both of Mt. Vernon. Mrs. Bryant's school assignments are Rockcastle Middle and Mt. Vernon Elementary. Mr. Calhoun is student-teaching at North Laurel High School in London.

ECU'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 fundamentals of teaching, 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, middle and elementary school levels and in special education classrooms.

ECU students preparing for teaching careers also have the unusual 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.

Tim's Pay Lake

London, Ky.

Opening

February 28th

Stocking with 8,500 lbs. of fish

Somerset

Community College
(2) VACANCIES
(1) TITLE: INSTRUCTOR/Respiratory Care
Principal Location: Rockcastle Site, Mt. Vernon, KY
Minimum Requirements: Applicants must possess a baccalaureate degree and must be a Registered Respiratory Therapist (RRT) and hold such professional license or certificate as is required by the state of Kentucky. Applicant should have a minimum of four (4) years experience as a Registered Respiratory Therapist of which at least 2 years should have been spent in clinical respiratory care and at least 2 years in a teaching position in an accredited respiratory care program. For more information visit the following website: <http://www.coarc.com/standards.htm>

(2) TITLE: INSTRUCTOR/Radiography (Search Extended)
Minimum Requirements: Bachelor's degree plus 3 years of full-time experience in the professional discipline and be able to document 2 years experience as an instructor in a JRCERT accredited program. Certification by the American Registry of Radiologic Technologists or equivalent, and current registration in the pertinent discipline is required.

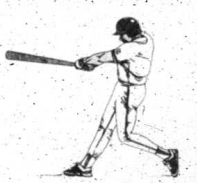
Review of applications will begin 02/14/03 and continue until positions are filled. For additional information go to website: <http://www.kctcs.edu/employee/collections/somerset.htm>

CREDENTIALS REQUIRED: Submit cover letter, resume, completed KCTCS faculty application, transcripts and 3 current letters of recommendation and any required credentials to:

Somerset Community College
Human Resources
808 Monticello Street
Somerset, KY 42501

Faculty applications are available on the KCTCS website: <http://www.kctcs.edu/employee/collections/kctcsfacultyapplication.pdf> or may be obtained by calling (606) 679-8501, ext. 3334.

The KCTCS is an equal access, equal opportunity/affirmative action institution and is committed to providing equal opportunity through its employment practices. Women and minorities are encouraged to apply.



Hey Kids!

Rockcastle County Little League

BASEBALL SIGN-UPS

Sat., Feb. 8th: 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Mt. Vernon Elementary

Ages: Kids age 5-12 by August 1st

Cost: FREE!



For more info.

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